Resolution urging the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to adopt a five-year plan to reduce homelessness.

WHEREAS, In 2004 the City and County of San Francisco adopted the “10-Year Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness;” and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco’s “10-Year Plan” was the City’s long-term, written strategy to reduce homelessness throughout San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The main goals of the City’s “10-Year Plan” were the creation of 3,000 new units of permanent supportive housing by 2014 and to formalize the City’s commitment to a “housing first” model strategy towards reducing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, The City achieved the main goals of the “10-Year Plan” by adopting a “housing first” strategy and realizing the creation of 3,071 new units of permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, Despite the City’s success in achieving the main goals of the City’s “10-Year Plan” homelessness in San Francisco still persists; and

WHEREAS, The number of homeless individuals counted 2015 San Francisco Point-In-Time Homeless Count and Survey was 6,686, which represents an increase of 250 homeless individuals since the 2013 count; and

WHEREAS, Despite the slight increase in homelessness in San Francisco since 2013, over 25,000 homeless people have left the streets or shelter system for permanent housing since January 2004, with the assistance of the City’s homelessness services and programs; and

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WHEREAS, Since the sunset of the “10-Year Plan” the City has instituted new programs, such as the Navigation Center that opened in November 2015, and reforms, such as the Department of Public Health standardizing objectives for supportive housing providers and the Human Services Agency implementing a new tiered system for how the agency delivers homelessness services; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor recently proposed and the Board of Supervisors is in the process of approving the creation of a new Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing with a new budget, staff, and Director; and

WHEREAS, Since 2014 the City and County of San Francisco has not had a long-term, written policy on its plans to reduce homelessness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the new Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to create and adopt a five-year plan, rooted in a “housing first” strategy, to address and reduce homelessness in San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges that the creation of the five-year plan take into account known best practices for reducing homelessness and solicit input from various stakeholders that will be key in realizing the success of the plan; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds it in the best interests of the City’s taxpayers and homeless individuals and families to have a written five-year plan to address and reduce homelessness in San Francisco.
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December 07, 2016 Budget and Finance Committee - RECOMMENDED

December 13, 2016 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Breed, Campos, Cohen, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Peskin, Tang and Yee
Vacant: 1 - District 8

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/13/2016 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Peggy Neves
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 12/23/2016

Mayor  Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

12/23/2016