Resolution urging the United States Congress to provide immediate cash relief to restaurants and urging the State of California to allow outdoor dining as soon as the latest available medical data and expertise deem it safe to do so.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, the State of California, and the United States of America have declared states of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which has claimed the lives of over 300,000 Americans and caused illness in more than 16 million more; and

WHEREAS, On December 4, 2020, due to an alarming increase in COVID-19 cases, test positivity rates, and hospitalizations, the City joined Bay Area counties in preemptively adopting the State’s Regional Stay at Home Order, which came into effect on December 6, 2020, and, among other services and facilities, mandated closures of outdoor recreation centers; outdoor museums, zoos, and aquariums; outdoor and indoor personal care services; and outdoor dining; and

WHEREAS, As of December 14, 2020, the City has counted 18,645 positive cases of and 167 deaths due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, The measures required to slow the spread of COVID-19 and minimize the loss of life have also resulted in severe economic impacts for the City’s small business sector, with the restaurant industry, which employs 60,000 workers in San Francisco, among the hardest hit; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the limited grants the City is able to provide and previous federal efforts, including the Paycheck Protection Program, restaurants need an infusion of
funding in the form of immediate cash subsidies, and the federal government is in a unique
position to provide this much-needed assistance; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors has previously passed a
resolution urging the United States Congress to pass the Real Economic Support that
Acknowledges Unique Restaurant Assistance Needed to Survive Act, or RESTAURANTS Act,
to support the nation’s struggling restaurants; and

WHEREAS, The Congress has heretofore failed to pass such legislation, despite its
October 1, 2020, passage in the House of Representatives and continuous pleas from
restaurant owners and workers who require immediate and long-term assistance to continue
operating; and

WHEREAS, In the absence of immediate relief from the federal government, San
Francisco restaurants will continue to be forced to furlough or lay off their workers, further
exacerbating the ruinous economic impacts of this pandemic, which will be ameliorated only
upon the nation’s getting COVID-19 under control; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Congress to pass an emergency
funding bill that provides immediate cash relief to our restaurants and restaurant workers; and,
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the State to allow
outdoor dining as soon as the latest available medical data and expertise deem it safe to do
so; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
to transmit copies of this Resolution to Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Jackie Speier,
Senators Dianne Feinstein and Kamala Harris, Governor Gavin Newsom, and Dr. Tomás
Aragón.
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December 22, 2020 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Fewer, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani, Walton and Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 12/22/2020 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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 her 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

Date Approved: 12/31/2020