

[Addressing Food Insecurity in San Francisco]

Resolution urging an increase in outreach and funding for city-funded food programs to address food insecurity.

WHEREAS, food insecurity and the lack of access to nutritious food have both been pressing concerns that have affected San Francisco's youth for an extended period; and

WHEREAS, The 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security and Equity Report indicated food insecurity has increased by 32% in low-income residents and households of San Francisco whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, the Bayview Hunter's Point and Tenderloin Districts have the most low-income residents and some of the highest rates of diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease hospitalizations in the city; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 San Francisco Community Health Needs Assessment of 2019 reported that two in three youth do not eat five servings of fresh food daily; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Health Partnerships of 2019 saw only 50% of SFUSD students fulfill the qualifications for free or reduced lunches; and

WHEREAS, only 125,178 meals were served under the Summer Food Service Program funded by DCYF in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, demonstrating how current services are not meeting the needs of young people; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security and Equity Report stated that 39% to 83% of city-funded program participants experience food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, according to the Human Service Agency's (HSA) website, participants of the Congregate Meal and Home-Delivered Meal programs had lower food insecurity rates, showing the importance of providing more food services; and

WHEREAS, in 2023 Human Service Agency's (HSA) website, only 2.5% of San Francisco's local funds went to food programs; and

WHEREAS, from 2022 to 2023 CalFresh funding from the FY 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 City and County of San Francisco decreased from \$79.5 million to where it currently is, at \$71.2 million; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Youth Commission has addressed Food Insecurity previously in their 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities Report by recommending the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to increase funding and outreach, create a food policy office, and provide more culturally relevant food in SFUSD schools; and

RESOLVED, the Youth Commission urges the addition of more funding and support into the Human Services Agency (HSA) to continue to provide further funding for their Meal Support Program, Community Centered Grocery Access, grocery vouchers, and other related programs that combat food insecurity for youth; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board of Supervisors adopt these recommendations, understand the pressing urgency that food insecurity has for youth across San Francisco, and provide it with the appropriate funding and allocation of the budget.

[Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Policy]

Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to implement a smoke-free multi-housing policy in San Francisco if additional considerations are addressed.

WHEREAS, Over 50% of San Franciscans live in multi-unit housing (MUH); and

WHEREAS, Low-income people of color are more likely to live in multi-unit housing; and

WHEREAS, Smoke-free multi-unit housing is the absence of tobacco and cannabis smoke from a residential building with two or more housing units, while still allowing people to smoke in designated areas and protecting others from second and third-degree smoke; and

WHEREAS, Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death worldwide, responsible for over 8 million deaths each year, including 1.2 million non-smokers exposed to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, Exposure to secondhand smoke most significantly impacts young children, the elderly, pregnant persons, and the immunocompromised, causing approximately 41,000 deaths among non-smoking adults, 50,000 deaths among children younger than 14 years, and 400 infant deaths each year in the United States alone; and

WHEREAS, Children exposed to secondhand smoke are at higher risk of developing health issues such as sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), acute respiratory infections, ear infections, and severe asthma. This higher risk is due to their

1 developing lungs, faster breathing rates, and, most importantly, a lack of control over
2 their living environments; and

3 WHEREAS, According to a 2022 study by the National Low Income Housing
4 Coalition, San Francisco is the most expensive county in the Bay Area, yet the only
5 county without a smoke-free housing policy; and

6 WHEREAS, 100 total surveys on smoke-free housing were conducted by Youth
7 Policy Leaders at Bay Area Community Resources across all eleven districts, in three
8 different languages, with the most responses from districts 1 and 5. Input was also
9 provided from community-based organizations in family and youth services; and

10 WHEREAS, Nearly half of respondents (48%) reported smelling smoke at least
11 once per week; and

12 WHEREAS, 59% of respondents believed that a smoke-free policy in their
13 building would benefit their family; and

14 WHEREAS, Bay Area health experts recommend a smoke-free housing policy
15 that prioritizes equitable enforcement and resident education rather than eviction; and

16 WHEREAS, The current SF-MUH plan calls for “a comprehensive SF-MUH
17 ordinance prohibiting the smoking of cannabis, tobacco, and e-cigarettes inside private
18 units and common areas of multi-unit housing (2+ units) in the city and county of San
19 Francisco”; and

20 WHEREAS, The current plan calls for the policy to be enforced and maintained
21 by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) by January 2030 in
22 partnership with landlords. Partnering with community health and housing partners, the
23 process of developing rules and regulations of enforcement will take 9-12 months; and

1 WHEREAS, The current SF-MUH plan includes equitable resources and
2 education materials on smoke-free options, including enforcement tips/guidelines; and

3 WHEREAS, Further and more expansive research should be conducted with
4 tenant and apartment associations to form clear guidelines on how the policy will be
5 enforced as tenants have expressed concerns about clear enforcement and what
6 strategies, other than education, will be used to prevent eviction if a resident is unable
7 or unwilling to stop smoking; and

8 WHEREAS, As a part of a smoke-free housing policy, a clear and equitable plan
9 should be developed for how and where to designate smoking sites; and

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission urges further outreach and
11 surveying to inform residents of the policy and gather more community data, and urges
12 the City to learn from the successes and challenges of similar policies in other Bay Area
13 counties such as Alameda and San Mateo counties; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Youth Commission believes that guidelines on
15 where to smoke from the city and building management will result in health benefits for
16 the greater community, especially for children and youth who are particularly vulnerable
17 to secondhand smoke at home; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor
19 and the Board of Supervisors to outline and implement a standardized smoke-free multi-
20 unit housing policy in San Francisco if the following recommendations are addressed: 1)
21 ensure clear enforcement guidelines, 2) implement strategies to prevent eviction, 3)
22 designate equitable smoking sites, 4) conduct further community outreach, and 5) learn
23 from similar policies in other Bay Area counties.

[Recognition of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month]

Resolution recognizing February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, 1 in 3 high schoolers will experience dating abuse before high school graduation; and

WHEREAS, Young people are impacted by abusive relationships as they are threatened with or subjected to physical violence, sexual violence, psychological aggression, or stalking from a current or former intimate partner; and

WHEREAS, Dating violence can also occur digitally through social media and other electronic communication in the form of cyberstalking, non-consensual distribution of intimate images, and other technology-facilitated harms; and

WHEREAS, Young people experiencing violence are more likely to be vulnerable to long-term behavioral and health consequences, including mental trauma and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Trauma from adolescent domestic violence increases the risk of violence in adulthood and future relationships; and

WHEREAS, It is crucial to educate young people about the signs of domestic violence, to set them up for success by allowing them to recognize for themselves what healthy, nonviolent relationships look like; and

WHEREAS, Asian Women's Shelter and Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence shall partner with the San Francisco Youth Commission to host the "Respect That" Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) 2025 Event and raise

1 awareness about the impact of teen dating violence for San Francisco Youth; and
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes the month of
4 February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month to affirm the right
5 of all young people to experience healthy relationships free from dating abuse in
6 adolescence and beyond; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission introduce
8 and urge the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San
9 Francisco to recognize the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and
10 Prevention Month to encourage and facilitate the education of teen dating violence for
11 all young people in the City and County of San Francisco; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
13 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
14 Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco.



2025 Climate Action Youth Summit

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Event Details:

Date: April 18th, 2025

Time: 10AM – 2PM

Location: Yerba Buena Gardens

Transportation: We are encouraging attendees to take San Francisco's wide range of public transit options to get to the event.

[Link](#)



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Questions & Thoughts!

Thank You!

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