

1 [Support for San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee budget
2 recommendation for FY 24-25]

3 **Motion supporting the San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory**
4 **Committee budget recommendation for FY 24-25, and urging the Mayor and**
5 **Board of Supervisors to support]**

6 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory
7 Committee (SDDTAC) is an advising body of 16 members consisting of community
8 representatives, medical researchers, and experts; and

9 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make recommendations
10 to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the Sugary Drinks
11 Distributor Tax in Business Tax and Regulations Code Article 8; and

12 WHEREAS, the role of the SDDTAC has been critical to informing funding
13 priorities and ensuring that the SDDT funding is aligned with key values of decreasing
14 sugary drink intake, and increasing healthy eating and active living; and

15 WHEREAS, the last five years of SDDTAC recommendations have consistently
16 recommended and highly prioritized the most dollars to community-based organizations
17 (CBOs); and

18 WHEREAS, for FY 24-25, the SDDTAC recommended \$3.3 million to be
19 allocated for community-based grants, such as the Healthy Communities Support grants
20 and the Policy, Systems, and Environmental grants which has afforded close to 40
21 CBOs the ability to provide direct services to communities most impacted by chronic
22 illnesses; and

1 WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Proposed Budget for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax
2 for FY 24-25 seeks to cut \$1.9 million from community-based grants, in order to help
3 divert \$4.9 million to new Human Services Agency programs that will support food
4 access; and

5 WHEREAS, the Human Services Agency has no affiliation with the Department
6 of Public Health and the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, this cut by the Mayor’s Proposed Budget will eliminate programming
8 and food box distribution within many CBOs including, but not limited to, Fa’atasi Youth
9 Services, All My Usos (AMU), and Florence Fang Community Farm; and

10 WHEREAS, CBOs such as Fa’atasi Youth Services, All My Usos, and Florence
11 Fang Community Farm empower their local communities through the cultural relevance
12 of their work; and

13 WHEREAS, CBOs also provide jobs and opportunities for disproportionately
14 impacted youth, whether that is through learning how to garden organic vegetables at
15 the Florence Fang Community Farm, participating in physical fitness programs with
16 Fa’atasi Youth Services, or learning about financial literacy, leadership, and
17 entrepreneurship through All My Usos, and

18 WHEREAS, Food access is important, but food access is not everything to
19 address the health of communities and our youth; and therefore be it

20 MOVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the
21 Board of Supervisors to allocate in alignment with the budget recommendations of the
22 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee in FY 24-25 to ensure that the Soda
23 Tax keeps working for all our communities and our youth.