

1 [Letter Supporting BOS File Bo. 250292]

2 **Motion urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support BOS File No. 250292**

3 **Resolution declaring San Francisco a sanctuary for women seeking housing, especially**
4 **for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking.**

5 WHEREAS, According to the 2024 Homeless Point in Time Count, over 41% of people
6 experiencing homelessness identified as women, transgender, or gender non-binary; and

7 WHEREAS, 38% of youth experiencing homelessness are LGBTQ+, and 63% are in
8 school or unemployed; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission has supported building more
10 affordable housing for lower and middle-income residents and expanding permanent supportive
11 housing for transitional-aged youth in the 2025-2026/2026-2027 Budget Policy & Priorities
12 report; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission has recognized the need for a
14 holistic approach to providing permanent supportive housing, including providing substance use
15 treatment, behavioral health support, financial literacy support, and more; and

16 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission recently recognized February as
17 Teen Dating Violence Awareness month in Resolution No. 2425-AL-05; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission partnered with the Asian Women's
19 Shelter and Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence to host the "Respect 22 That"
20 Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (TDVAM) 2025 Event and "raise awareness about the
21 impact of teen dating violence on San Francisco Youth,"; and

22 WHEREAS, Proposition A: Affordable Housing Bond on the March 5, 2024 ballot passed
23 with support from 70.38% of voters, dedicating \$30 million to build or buy housing for survivors
24 of domestic violence, gender-based violence, human trafficking, or sexual assault; and

25 WHEREAS, Board Resolution 250292 recognizes the importance of providing
26 permanent, stable housing to survivors of domestic violence, gender-based violence, human
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1 trafficking, or sexual assault, as well as the importance of investing in wrap-around centers and
2 victim services such as California's Victims of Crime Assistance (VOCA), now; and be it

3 FURTHER MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and
4 Board of Supervisors to support Resolution 250292 that the City and County of San Francisco
5 be declared as a sanctuary for women seeking housing, especially survivors of domestic abuse,
6 human trafficking, or sexual violence; and

7 MOVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of
8 Supervisors to continue to support survivors of domestic violence, gender-based violence,
9 human trafficking, or sexual assault through wrap-around centers and permanent supportive
10 housing for transitional-aged youth.

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3 **Supplemental Information:**

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5 See attached document [Letter of Support]

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April 7, 2025

Re: San Francisco Youth Commission urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to support BOS File No. 250292 Resolution declaring San Francisco a sanctuary for women seeking housing, especially for survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, and human trafficking.

Dear Mayor and Board of Supervisors,

The San Francisco Youth Commission respectfully submits this letter in strong support of Resolution No. 250292, which declares the City and County of San Francisco a sanctuary for women seeking housing, especially survivors of domestic abuse, human trafficking, or sexual violence.

According to the 2024 Homeless Point-in-Time Count, over 41% of individuals experiencing homelessness in San Francisco identified as women, transgender, or gender non-binary. Among youth experiencing homelessness, 38% identify as LGBTQ+, and 63% are either enrolled in school or unemployed. As a Commission, we have historically and consistently advocated for the expansion of affordable and permanent supportive housing for transitional-aged youth in our previous Budget & Policy Priorities (BPP) reports, as well as our recently passed 2025-2026/2026-2027 BPP report. The Youth Commission has also recognized that access to substance use treatment, behavioral health services, financial literacy programs, and other wraparound supports should be provided alongside supportive housing, as they are essential to ensuring long-term stability.

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Resolution No. 250292 builds on this momentum and affirms the City's responsibility to provide stable housing and essential services in the form of wrap-around centers. The San Francisco Youth Commission urges you to support this critical piece of legislation, affirming our commitment as a City to provide comprehensive care and protection for survivors of domestic violence, gender-based violence, human trafficking, and sexual violence.

Sincerely,

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Adopted 04/07/25

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