

1 [Support for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee Report for FY 26-27
2 & FY 27-28]

3 **Motion urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to review and accept the**
4 **Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) Budget**
5 **Recommendations.**

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
10 recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the
11 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax (SDDT) in Business Tax and Regulations Code Article 8;
12 and

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

16 WHEREAS, The last five years of SDDTAC recommendations have consistently
17 recommended and highly prioritized the most dollars to community-based health
18 programs; and

19 WHEREAS, These programs fund community-based grants, support community
20 health workers, and enable Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) to provide
21 culturally responsive services to San Francisco residents; and

22 WHEREAS, For FY 24-25, the SDDTAC recommended \$3.3 million to be
23 allocated for community-based grants, such as the Healthy Communities Support grants

1 and the Policy, Systems, and Environmental grants which has afforded close to 40
2 CBOs the ability to provide direct services to communities most impacted by chronic
3 illnesses; and

4 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Budget for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax for FY 24-
5 25 reallocated \$1.6 million from community-based grants, in order to fund \$5.2 million to
6 Human Services Agency programs that will support food access; and

7 WHEREAS, For FY 25-26, the SDDTAC again recommended \$3.3 million to be
8 allocated for community-based grants; and

9 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Budget for Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax for FY 25-26
10 allocated \$0 to community-based grants and instead, allocated \$1.5 million to SDDT
11 Funded City Agencies for school food, nutrition education, student led action, water
12 stations/water education (DCYF/SFUSD) and \$7.2 million Human Services Agency
13 programs that support food access; and

14 WHEREAS, The funding was redirected to HSA for essential food services for
15 food stamp programs; and

16 WHEREAS, This limits funding for programming and food distribution within
17 many CBOs including, but not limited to, Fa'atasi Youth Services, All My Usos (AMU),
18 and Florence Fang Community Farm; and

19 WHEREAS, CBOs such as Fa'atasi Youth Services, All My Usos, and Florence
20 Fang Community Farm empower their local communities through the cultural relevance
21 of their work and direct food support; and

22 WHEREAS, CBOs also provide jobs and opportunities for disproportionately
23 impacted youth, whether that is through learning how to garden organic vegetables at

1 the Florence Fang Community Farm, participating in physical fitness programs with
2 Fa’atasi Youth Services, or learning about financial literacy, leadership, and
3 entrepreneurship through All My Usos; and

4 WHEREAS, Diet-related chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and
5 tooth decay disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of
6 color in San Francisco; and

7 WHEREAS, School-based nutrition programs, youth wellness initiatives, and
8 community food access programs supported by SDDT funding play a critical role in
9 shaping lifelong healthy habits for San Francisco youth; and

10 WHEREAS, Therefore, the SDDTAC recommendations prioritize investments in
11 community-based health programs, healthy food access, and school-based nutrition
12 initiatives to prevent chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease; and

13 WHEREAS, By funding CBOs, improving access to nutritious foods, and
14 supporting healthier school environments, these programs address structural barriers to
15 food access and reduce diet-related health inequities; and

16 WHEREAS, Together, these strategies improve long-term health outcomes for
17 San Francisco residents, particularly youth and low-income communities most impacted
18 by sugary drink consumption, and, now, therefore be it

19 MOVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors
20 to review and accept the SDDTAC’s recommended allocations to ensure the survival of
21 key programs organized by community-based organizations, expand access to
22 affordable and nutritious foods, and promote school-based nutrition and youth wellness
23 initiatives.