

[Supporting Housing Choice Plan]

Resolution in Support of SF Planning's 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is currently facing a housing crisis with the city only having achieved building 5% in moderate-income housing, 7% in low-income housing, and 7% in very low-income housing to reach the Housing Element mandated building of 46,000 affordable units; and

WHEREAS, Addressing our housing shortage through the building of affordable housing will help ensure that living in San Francisco can be accessible to all; and

WHEREAS, Urgent action is needed to meet the state-mandated 82,000 new units of housing with 46,000 of those units being affordable; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 Budget Policy and Priorities (BPP) report acknowledged that amending the planning code to lessen height limits is an important step to increase new units of housing in the city; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 BPP's report also acknowledged that an increase in housing production should ensure that the housing being built is not just market rate but affordable; and

WHEREAS, Many working class families with children and youth have struggled with rising costs of rent and face threats of displacement; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department's 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan promotes housing production, notably in the lower density west side of the city; and

1 WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan aligns with the Youth
2 Commission BPP about height limits; and

3 WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan does not directly address
4 the feasibility of tenants returning to their homes after construction of new units finishes,
5 and;

6 WHEREAS, While San Francisco's right-to-return policy intends to protect
7 displaced tenants, a long process of building new units means that it is often unrealistic
8 for previous tenants to return to their previous unit; and

9 WHEREAS, Tenants in San Francisco deserve strong protections against
10 displacement and a transparent and comprehensive plan from the Planning Department
11 ensuring tenant rights are respected; and, now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor and
13 Board of Supervisors to support a zoning plan only if it includes a comprehensive
14 strategy that protects tenants from displacement; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes
16 the importance of building more affordable housing to address San Francisco's housing
17 crisis; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission also
19 recognizes the importance of building affordable housing and also the importance of
20 ensuring that new housing construction should not come at the expense of displacing
21 long time existing tenants and residents of the city; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
2 Board of Supervisors and Mayor to consider the effects of new development on tenants
3 in low income communities; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff shall
5 transmit copies of this resolution to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors.