

[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, The San Francisco Youth Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 Budget Policy and Priorities (BPP) report acknowledged the importance of affordable housing in allowing families to live in San Francisco without a financial burden; 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 BPP report acknowledged that amending the planning code to raise 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 report also acknowledged that an increase in housing production should ensure that new development is not exclusively market rate but also affordable; and

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

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

4 WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan aligns with the Youth
5 Commission's 2025-2026/2026-2027 BPP report regarding raising height limits; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2025 Expanding Housing Choice Plan as of now does not
7 directly address the feasibility of tenants returning to their homes after construction of
8 new units finishes; and

9 WHEREAS, While San Francisco's right-to-return policy intends to protect
10 displaced tenants, a length building process often prevents tenants from returning to
11 their previous unit; and

12 WHEREAS, Families that rent in San Francisco deserve strong protections
13 against displacement and a transparent and comprehensive plan from the Planning
14 Department ensuring tenant rights are respected; and, now, therefore be it

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

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

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes
22 that tenant rights and issues regarding rent affect youth and families; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission also
2 recognizes the importance of ensuring that new housing construction should not come
3 at the expense of displacing long time existing tenants and residents of the city,
4 particularly those that are families or have children; and be it

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

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission staff shall
9 transmit copies of this resolution to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, the Office of
10 Supervisor Melgar, San Francisco Tenants Union, and the Chinese Progressive
11 Association.