

[Addressing Food Deserts in District 10]

Resolution urging the Mayor's Office, Board of Supervisors, District 10 Office, and the Office of Economic & Workforce Development (OEWD) to bring a full-service grocery store to address the food desert in the Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood.

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Public Health's 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security & Equity Report, two-thirds of San Francisco adults who are making less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Line are food-insecure; and

WHEREAS, The recent closure of the grocery store at Bayview Plaza in District 10 has significantly reduced access to fresh and affordable food for local residents; and

WHEREAS, The lack of a nearby full-service grocery store threatens to create a food desert, disproportionately affecting low-income families, seniors, and individuals without reliable transportation; and

WHEREAS, Access to nutritious food is essential to community health, economic stability, and overall quality of life, and is considered a fundamental issue of equity and public well-being; and

WHEREAS, The Bayview community has long faced challenges in attracting and retaining essential businesses that meet residents' daily needs, including grocery and fresh food retailers; and

WHEREAS, According to the Department of Public Health's 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security & Equity Report, the Bayview-Hunter's Point's age adjusted hospitalization rates for diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease ranges between 1.6

1 to 3 times higher than the city's average age-adjusted hospitalization rate for these
2 conditions; and

3 WHEREAS, For Black/African American residents in San Francisco,
4 hospitalization rates were highest in 2021 for hypertension and heart disease than in
5 any year prior, with the rate of hospitalizations also increasing the most for Black/African
6 American residents compared to other groups; and

7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has a responsibility to
8 promote food security and equitable access to healthy food options for all residents; and

9 WHEREAS, Partnering with community organizations, local developers, and
10 private grocery companies could help identify viable replacements and long-term
11 solutions to ensure continued access to groceries in District 10; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor's
13 Office, the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, and the District 10
14 Supervisor's Office to prioritize efforts to secure a new grocery store operator in the
15 Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board encourages collaboration with local
17 community groups, property owners, and private investors to develop sustainable
18 business incentives that ensure the long-term presence of a grocery store in the
19 Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood; and be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the staff of the San Francisco Youth Commission
21 shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor's Office and the District 10
22 Supervisor's Office for immediate consideration and action.