

[Addressing Food Deserts in District 10]

Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office, Board of Supervisor 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, Child food insecurity is associated with a two times greater risk for fair or poor health (compared to good or excellent health) in childhood, as well as a 1.4 times greater risk of child asthma; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity in childhood can also lead to developmental differences, behavioral changes, and poorer academic performance¹; and

¹ Jenalee Doom PhD, “Food Insecurity Is Bad for Children’s Long-term Mental and Physical Health.,” *Psychology Today*, October 31, 2025, <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/origins-of-health/202510/food-insecurity-harms-child-development>.

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, The Bayview-Hunter’s Point community has historically been one of the few neighborhoods in San Francisco classified as an “urban food desert”, meaning that most residents are low-income and live more than one mile from a full-service grocery store²; 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 to 3 times higher than the city’s average age-adjusted hospitalization rate for these conditions; and

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

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

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

² “Food Access Research Atlas - Go to the Atlas | Economic Research Service,” n.d., <https://www.ers.usda.gov/data-products/food-access-research-atlas/go-to-the-atlas>.

1 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors District
2 10 Office, the Mayor's Office, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development
3 to prioritize efforts to secure a new grocery store operator in the Bayview-Hunter's Point
4 neighborhood; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board to
6 collaborate with local community groups, property owners, and private investors to
7 develop sustainable business incentives that ensure the long-term presence of a
8 grocery store in the Bayview-Hunter's Point neighborhood; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the staff of the San Francisco Youth Commission
10 shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of Economic and Workforce
11 Development, the Mayor's Office, and the District 10 Supervisor's Office for immediate
12 consideration and action.