

1 [Reaffirming the Shelter Monitoring Committee’s Current Efforts towards the Latino Community in San
2 Francisco Shelters]

3 **Resolution reaffirming the current efforts of the San Francisco Shelter Monitoring Committee**
4 **towards ensuring equity, established levels of care, respect, & sanitation in the shelters for the**
5 **Latino populace residing.**

6 WHEREAS, Despite making up only 12-15% of the San Francisco population, Latinos make up
7 a significant disparity of the homeless population¹; and

8 WHEREAS, Covid-19 disproportionately affected San Francisco’s Latino population,
9 particularly among the homeless population²; and

10 WHEREAS, Respectively, the homeless-Latino population comprises a larger proportion of the
11 homeless population than the non-homeless population (18%)³; and

12 WHEREAS, The Latino homeless population, according to the most recent estimates, was
13 larger than the San Francisco General Population estimated it would be⁴; and

14 WHEREAS, Of unaccompanied youth, defined as those below the age of 25 years old; 27% of
15 youth respondents identified as Latino⁵; and

16 WHEREAS, Over one-third (36%) of those surveyed in families identified as Latino, more than
17 double the rate of respondents not in families⁶; and

18 WHEREAS, Currently 20% of veterans, a population at most risk of chronic homelessness,
19 identified as Latino⁷; and

22 ¹ U.S. Census Bureau (2019). San Francisco County, California.

23 ² KQED: Latinos Around the Bay Area Are Disproportionately Affected by Covid-19. 2020, April 23.

24 ³ <<https://www.kqed.org/news/11813696/latinos-around-the-bay-area-are-disproportionately-affected-by-covid-19>>

25 ⁴ San Francisco Homeless Count & Survey: A Comprehensive Report (2019).

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1 WHEREAS, These numbers are projected to be grossly higher given the magnitude of
2 devastation of Covid-19 on the Latino populace; and

3 WHEREAS, These numbers are likely even higher as homeless families often shy away from
4 self-reporting to government entities for fear of governmental interventions and food stamp reductions,
5 and due to shame⁸; and

6 WHEREAS, Latinos makes up half of all positive Covid-19 cases in the city⁹; and

7 WHEREAS, Within the Latino population that has tested positive, 79% were considered low-
8 income¹⁰; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco has among the high case rates of Covid-19 in its Latino population.
10 And the highest likelihood of any city of contracting the virus¹¹; and

11 WHEREAS, A Latino resident in San Francisco is five times more likely to get covid than other
12 San Francisco residents¹²; and

13 WHERAS, Many Latinos in the city are particularly vulnerable to homelessness in San
14 Francisco; and

15 WHEREAS, Housing inequalities are worsening for Latinos¹³; and

16 WHEREAS, Nearly 75% of the city's current Latino population receive housing assistance due
17 to unstable living conditions and cost of living¹⁴; and

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20 ⁸ IBID

21 ⁹ SF Gate: Latinos make up half of SF's Covid-19 cases, despite community making up 15% of population. 2020,
22 July 15. < <https://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/50-of-COVID-19-cases-in-San-Francisco-are-in-the-15410514.php>>

23 ¹⁰ Mission Local: Latinx Frontline workers continue to show high Covi-19 rates. 2020, December 7.
24 <<https://www.sfpublicpress.org/81-of-residents-receiving-housing-help-from-s-f-are-black-or-latino/>>

25 ¹¹ Mission Local: San Francisco's Latinxs are infected at higher rates than Latinxs in harder-hit cities. 2020,
December 31. < <https://missionlocal.org/2020/12/covid-19-san-franciscos-latinos-are-infected-at-higher-rates-than-latinos-in-even-harder-hit-cities/>>

¹² IBID

¹³ The State of the Nation's Housing (2021). Joint Center for Housing Studies.

¹⁴ San Francisco Public Press: 81% of Residents Receiving Housing Help From S.F. Are Black or Latino. < <https://www.sfpublicpress.org/81-of-residents-receiving-housing-help-from-s-f-are-black-or-latino/>>

1 WHERAS, Approximately 22% of the Latino population using homeless shelters are Latino¹⁵;

2 and

3 WHEREAS, Latinos access shelters at a rate of 63%, remarkably higher than the shelter rates
4 of the white population¹⁶; and

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Shelter Monitoring Committee retains an obligation to ensure
6 the highest standards for the shelters of San Francisco in efforts of assisting and working to uplift
7 those enduring homelessness in the city; and therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, The San Francisco Shelter Monitoring Committee maintains and reaffirms its
9 current commitments towards ensuring equity, established levels of care, respect, & sanitation in the
10 shelters for the Latino populace residing.

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¹⁵ Understanding Low-Income Housing Challenges and the Use of Housing and Homeless Assistance (2019).
The Department of Housing and Urban Development

¹⁶ IBID