



City and County of San Francisco  
**Shelter Monitoring Committee**

Mayor Edwin Lee  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Doctor Carlton B Goodlett Place #200  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mayor Edwin Lee:

The Shelter Monitoring Committee welcomes your administration's addition of \$29 million for homeless services for the upcoming fiscal year. Homelessness in San Francisco remains a complex issue which necessitates robust funding and constant dedication from policymakers in our city's government. It is an issue that disproportionately affects elders, families, youth, queer folks, and people with disabilities. Fortunately, we live in a city with plentiful resources and the strong advocacy necessary to identifying and implementing solutions to end homelessness in the City.

Among your administration's budget initiatives this year, the expansion of the medical respite beds will certainly provide vital care to homeless people with chronic health problems and relieve the burden on shelter facilities who currently accommodate many of these individuals. For too long, shelter staff have had to assist people with healthcare issues beyond their capacity.

The Committee also recognizes the ongoing and worsening crisis of family homelessness in San Francisco. Estimates place the number of homeless children in our city as high as 3,222 with more than 1,900 homeless families—an increase of over 90% since 2007. The Committee strongly urges your administration to endorse, fund, and implement the Homeless Emergency Service Providers Association (HESPA) and the Coalition on Homelessness' Roadmap to end family homelessness.

Given the wide support amongst service providers, advocates, and community members for the HESPA budget, the Committee fully supports their proposal. Additionally, the Coalition on Homelessness' Roadmap is a creditable plan to support over 2,383 families experiencing the trauma of homelessness and poverty. It is in our best interest to fund these proposals as they were created by those most knowledgeable of the issues homeless families face in San Francisco

Again, the Committee is very grateful for your continued commitment to homeless services—shelters, respite beds, supportive housing, eviction prevention—and asks that you take a step towards fulfilling the community's goals and implement the proposed budgets of the Coalition on Homelessness and HESPA.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Kimura  
Chair