

1 [Affordable Housing - 2550 Irving]

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3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to accelerate the proposed affordable**
4 **housing development on 2550 Irving and reserve units for low-income transitional age**
5 **youth as well as youth and their families.**

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7 WHEREAS, The development proposed for 2550 Irving St. would provide family-
8 friendly housing for households earning between \$27,000 and \$102,000; and

9 WHEREAS, The proposed development is intended to provide family-friendly housing
10 for San Francisco's essential workers in the following fields: healthcare, childcare, education,
11 non-profit services, construction, and retail; and

12 WHEREAS, The development would provide 90-100 units for youth and their families
13 with the construction start date of 2023; and

14 WHEREAS, The proposed development includes a seven-story building that includes
15 up to 100 studios, and 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom apartments; and

16 WHEREAS, The Sunset has the third-highest number of children in San Francisco's
17 eleven districts, and 2550 Irving's proximity to high performing schools makes it a prime
18 location for affordable family housing; and

19 WHEREAS, Many of the apartments will be reserved for households who live in the
20 Sunset or have been displaced from housing in San Francisco, expanding access and
21 opportunities for families and children; and

22 WHEREAS, Youth and their families will have increased accessibility to public
23 transportation, public libraries, museums, and Golden Gate Park, due to the proposed
24 development's proximity to these services; and

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1 WHEREAS, Post COVID-19, the proposed development will help address the
2 increased need for affordable housing for low and middle-income essential workers, youth,
3 and their families; and

4 WHEREAS, The proposed development is the first step toward affordable housing
5 throughout the City and resolving the housing crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, With a reduced financial burden, youth will have more time to focus on
7 their interests, academics, and extracurriculars; and

8 WHEREAS, With the proposed development, youth will have housing security, thus
9 creating an environment that encourages physical and intellectual development; and

10 WHEREAS, The proposed development alleviates any concerns youth and their family
11 may have towards housing instability, thus improving their mental and physical health; and

12 WHEREAS, The development's affordable units of housing encourage positive
13 financial outcomes and increase the safety of youth; and

14 WHEREAS, A study from Rebecca Diamond and Timothy McQuade of Stanford
15 Business School analyzing the affordable housing built under the Low Income Housing Tax
16 Credit (LIHTC) program shows that in low- and high- income neighborhoods, the
17 implementation of affordable housing does not lead to a decrease in public safety, and even
18 increases public safety in low-income neighborhoods; and

19 WHEREAS, an analysis from the Bay Area Equity Atlas shows that the top four
20 race/ethnic groups of very low-income communities in San Francisco are 59% Black, 53%
21 Latinx, 47% American Indian/Alaska Native, and 42% Asian or Pacific Islander; the two lowest
22 groups include, Mixed/Other at 26%, and White at 21%; and

23 WHEREAS, with the focus of providing housing for very low-income communities, the
24 proposed development can potentially help advance racial equity in housing; now, therefore,
25 be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to confront
2 the crisis of housing insecurity for working, low to middle-class families, and the homeless
3 population of transitional age youth; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
5 minimize or eliminate the number of parking spaces on-site in order to maximize more units of
6 housing and to fulfill San Francisco's goal of becoming carbon neutral and reducing
7 greenhouse gas emissions; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That due to the urgent need for affordable and supportive
9 housing, the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to expedite the proposed
10 development with the construction start date of 2022; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
12 reserve affordable housing units specifically for transitional age youth within the proposed
13 development at 2550 Irving; and, be it


14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
15 reserve permanent units of housing for youth who are homeless or have been homeless and
16 work with agencies such as Larkin, 3rd Street Youth Clinic, and LYRIC to connect youth to
17 these units of housing; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission recognizes the misinformation
19 being spread around the proposed development and urges the Board of Supervisors to
20 engage in community education, discussion, and work with community-based organizations to
21 address the negative stigma that often follows conversations about the implementation of
22 affordable housing; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
24 address the lack of supportive and affordable housing in the Sunset, western neighborhoods,
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1 and throughout the City, and partner with organizations to spur more developments similar to
2 that on 2550 Irving.

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Nora Hylton, Chair
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