

1 [Resolution Urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to Adopt Legislation That Incentivize and
2 Promotes the Construction of Family Housing and Prioritizes Families with Dependents in the
3 Inclusionary Housing Selection Process]

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5 **Resolution urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to adopt legislation that incentivize the**
6 **Construction of two-or-more bedroom units and prioritizes families with dependents in the**
7 **Below Market Rate (BMR) Inclusionary Housing Selection Process for units with two-or-more**
8 **bedrooms**

9 WHEREAS, the Planning Department recently released the *Housing for Families with Children*
10 report, commissioned by Supervisor Norman Yee; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco is seeing a decrease in low and middle-income families due to
12 income inequality and the shortage of housing; and

13 WHEREAS, according to the 2010 US Census Bureau, of the 12 largest cities in the United
14 States, San Francisco ranks lowest for the percentage of households that are families with children
15 (18% compared to the average of 29.4%);¹ and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco has the least amount of children of any Bay Area county, and

17 WHEREAS, the two main housing aspects that impact family housing in San Francisco are
18 affordability and unit size; and

19 WHEREAS, 91% of all home sale listings in SF were either unaffordable or less than 2
20 bedroom;² and

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25 ¹ Housing for Families with Children. San Francisco Planning Department. January 17, 2017:
http://default.sfplanning.org/publications_reports/Family_Friendly_Briefing_01-17-17_FINAL.pdf
² <http://www.governing.com/gov-data/other/family-housing-affordability-in-cities-report.html#calculation>

1 WHEREAS, because of this, only 9% of the housing stock is available to families earning the
2 median family income;³ and

3 WHEREAS, almost all of the homes that are suited for large families are occupied already; and

4 WHEREAS, families occupy only 30% of 3+ bedroom units; meanwhile, 25% of families with
5 kids are living single room occupancies (SROs); and

6 WHEREAS, there is a lot of overcrowding in San Francisco, particularly in Chinatown,
7 Visitacion Valley, Downtown, Civic Center, and Oceanview; and

8 WHEREAS, these neighborhoods also have the highest concentration of youth and families,
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10 WHEREAS, Chinatown is particularly suffering with 24% of households living overcrowded
11 conditions; and

12 WHEREAS, research indicates that crowded environments can negatively affect children’s
13 social adjustment; there was a sharp increase in children’s misbehaviors when living in homes with
14 more than 2.3 residents per room;⁴ and

15 WHEREAS, the report from the planning department recommends the city look into
16 underutilized ground floor and underbuilt lots as a way to add units to existing buildings, which would
17 increase housing stock without significantly changing the neighborhoods; now, therefore be it

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19 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors and
20 Mayor to adopt legislation that incentivize and promotes the construction of family housing and the
21 production of two or more bedroom units; and be it further

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24 ³ Ibid.

25 ⁴ Housing for Families with Children. San Francisco Planning Department. January 17, 2017:
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1 RESOLVED, that the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to adopt
2 legislation that reserves affordable and inclusionary units that come online and are two or more
3 bedrooms for families with dependent children and youth.

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8 Madeleine Matz, Chair, 2016-17 Youth Commission
9 Adopted on May 15, 2017

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