

1 [Supplemental Appropriation – Transitional Age Youth Homelessness Housing and Services –
2 Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance]

3 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to appropriate \$181 million of excess**
4 **Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund Property Taxes to fund Transitional Age**
5 **Youth-specific permanent supportive housing, and making certain recommendations**
6 **related to the allocation of such funds and of funds from the Our City, Our Home Fund.**

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8 WHEREAS, Approximately 1,300 Transitional Age Youth (“TAY”) currently experience
9 homelessness in San Francisco, and yet according to Larkin Street Youth Services, there are
10 less than 100 emergency shelter beds dedicated to TAY; and

11 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has long been committed to addressing inequities
12 related to youth homelessness, having passed Motion 1617-AL-16 supporting the designation
13 of funds for a TAY Navigation Center and urging the City and County of San Francisco (“City
14 and County”) to fund homeless youth services proportionally to the homeless population, and
15 Resolution 1617-AL-17 urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to declare a year of youth
16 experiencing homelessness in San Francisco, and having additionally recommended as part
17 of its Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 2018-2019 and FY 2019-2020 renewed action in
18 furtherance of the City and County’s already insufficient goal to designate 400 TAY-specific
19 units of permanent supportive housing; and

20 WHEREAS, On November 6, 2018, the voters of the City and County approved the
21 Homelessness Gross Receipts Tax Ordinance, otherwise known and referred to hereafter as
22 “Proposition C”, by a margin of 61% to 39%, in order to raise between approximately \$250
23 million and \$300 million beginning in 2019 for permanent housing, homelessness prevention,
24 shelter beds, and mental health and substance use treatments; and

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1 WHEREAS, However, Proposition C is currently the subject of litigation contesting its
2 passage, and therefore while the tax it establishes will be collected, those funds will not be
3 available for the designated uses until and unless Proposition C is upheld; and

4 WHEREAS, On November 29, 2018, the City and County received \$415 million of
5 excess Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund (“ERAF”) Property Taxes, of which \$181
6 million can be appropriated at the discretion of the Board of Supervisors and Mayor; and

7 WHEREAS, The impacts of the absence of sufficient housing and services dedicated to
8 TAY are both immediate and tangible; and

9 WHEREAS, By serving the needs of TAY, appropriating \$181 million of excess ERAF
10 Property Taxes towards programs serving TAY would open up further access to supportive
11 resources and educational opportunities for TAY; and

12 WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Youth Commission is concerned that the language of
13 Proposition C does not adequately distinguish between TAY and families with children, which
14 could lead to services targeted at TAY not receiving funding proportional to the size of the
15 population of youth experiencing homelessness; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to
17 appropriate \$181 million of excess ERAF Property Taxes to fund such programs as are
18 outlined by Proposition C; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That specifically, the Youth Commission urges such funds to be
20 appropriated expressly in service of the City and County’s goal to designate 400 TAY-specific
21 units of permanent supportive housing; and, be it finally

22 RESOLVED, That the Youth Commission urges that any allocation of funds to housing
23 and services for individuals experiencing homelessness incorporate funding for TAY-specific
24 such housing and services proportional to the size of the population of youth experiencing
25 homelessness.

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