

1 [Support for Direct Food Services for FY 24-25]

2 **Motion urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to review and amend to**
3 **ensure adequate funding for community-based organizations while maintaining**
4 **Human Services Agency (HSA) food services]**

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory
6 Committee (SDDTAC) is an advising body of 16 members consisting of community
7 representatives, medical researchers, and experts; and

8 WHEREAS, The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to make
9 recommendations to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors on the effectiveness of the
10 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax in Business Tax and Regulations Code Article 8; and

11 WHEREAS, The role of the SDDTAC has been critical to informing funding
12 priorities and ensuring that the SDDT funding is aligned with key values of decreasing
13 sugary drink intake, and increasing healthy eating, and active living; and

14 WHEREAS, The last five years of SDDTAC recommendations have consistently
15 recommended and highly prioritized the most dollars to community-based organizations
16 (CBOs); and

17 WHEREAS, For FY 24-25, the SDDTAC recommended \$3.3 million to be
18 allocated for community-based grants, such as the Healthy Communities Support grants
19 and the Policy, Systems, and Environmental grants which has afforded close to 40
20 CBOs the ability to provide direct services to communities most impacted by chronic
21 illnesses; and

22 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Proposed Budget for the Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax
23 for FY 24-25 seeks to reallocate \$1.9 million from community-based grants, in order to

1 fund \$4.9 million to new Human Services Agency programs that will support food
2 access; and

3 WHEREAS, The funding is being redirected to HAS for essential food services
4 for food stamp programs; and

5 WHEREAS, This will limit funding for programming and food box distribution
6 within many CBOs including, but not limited to, Fa’atasi Youth Services, All My Usos
7 (AMU), and Florence Fang Community Farm; and

8 WHEREAS, CBOs such as Fa’atasi Youth Services, All My Usos, and Florence
9 Fang Community Farm empower their local communities through the cultural relevance
10 of their work and direct food support; and

11 WHEREAS, CBOs also provide jobs and opportunities for disproportionately
12 impacted youth, whether that is through learning how to garden organic vegetables at
13 the Florence Fang Community Farm, participating in physical fitness programs with
14 Fa’atasi Youth Services, or learning about financial literacy, leadership, and
15 entrepreneurship through All My Usos, and therefore be it

16 MOVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors
17 to review and amend the allocations to ensure the survival of key programs organized
18 by community-based organizations; and be it

19 MOVED, The Youth Commission also supports that the Mayor and Board of
20 Supervisors maintain needed funding for Human Services Agency food support services
21 and explore additional revenue sources.