

1 [Addressing Food Insecurity in San Francisco]

2 **Resolution urging an increase in outreach and funding for city-funded food**
3 **programs to address food insecurity.**

4 WHEREAS, food insecurity and the lack of access to nutritious food have both
5 been pressing concerns that have affected San Francisco's youth for an extended
6 period; and

7 WHEREAS, The 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security and Equity Report
8 indicated food insecurity has increased by 32% in low-income residents and households
9 of San Francisco whose income is below 200% of the federal poverty level; and

10 WHEREAS, The Bayview Hunter's Point and Tenderloin Districts have the most
11 low-income residents and some of the highest rates of diabetes, hypertension, and
12 heart disease hospitalizations in the city; and

13 WHEREAS, The 2019 San Francisco Community Health Needs Assessment
14 reported that two in three youth do not eat five servings of fresh food daily; and

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Health Partnerships of 2019 saw only 50% of
16 SFUSD students fulfill the qualifications for free or reduced lunches; and

17 WHEREAS, Only 125,178 meals were served under the Summer Food Service
18 Program funded by DCYF in Fiscal Year 2022-2023, demonstrating how current
19 services are not meeting the needs of young people; and

20 WHEREAS, The 2023 San Francisco Biennial Food Security and Equity Report
21 stated that 39% to 83% of city-funded program participants experience food insecurity;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, According to the Human Service Agency's (HSA) website,
2 participants of the Congregate Meal and Home-Delivered Meal programs had lower
3 food insecurity rates, showing the importance of providing more food services; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2023 Human Service Agency's (HSA) website, only 2.5% of San
5 Francisco's local funds went to food programs; and

6 WHEREAS, From 2022 to 2023 CalFresh funding from the FY 2021-2022 and
7 2022-2023 City and County of San Francisco decreased from \$79.5 million to where it
8 currently is, at \$71.2 million; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Youth Commission has addressed Food
10 Insecurity previously in their 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities Report by
11 recommending the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to increase funding and outreach,
12 create a food policy office, and provide more culturally relevant food in SFUSD schools;
13 and

14 RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the addition of more funding and
15 support into the Human Services Agency (HSA) to continue to provide further funding
16 for their Meal Support Program, Community Centered Grocery Access, grocery
17 vouchers, and other related programs that combat food insecurity for youth; and be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Board of Supervisors adopt these
19 recommendations, understand the pressing urgency that food insecurity has for youth
20 across San Francisco, and provide it with the appropriate funding and allocation of the
21 budget.