

## **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR GREATER EVICTION PROTECTIONS FOR PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TENANTS**

Sponsors: Bevan Dufty; Keith Baraka, Gloria Berry, Peter Gallotta, Anabel Ibáñez,  
Leah LaCroix, Janice Li, Honey Mahogany, Jupiter Peraza, Shanell Williams

WHEREAS, In August of 2022, exposes in the Mission Local and the Chronicle highlighted a long standing issue in permanent supportive housing (PSH), that a disproportionate share of evictions in the city come from SRO hotels used as permanent supportive housing, that tenants are being evicted for the issues that qualified them for permanent supportive housing in the first place or are being evicted for minor rules violations that aren't substantial health and safety issues, and that the city is spending a lot for both the eviction and defend the tenants, as well as the emergency services needed post-eviction; and

WHEREAS, In March of 2023, Supervisor Dean Preston held a hearing on the issue around evictions in permanent supportive housing, and asked for uniform policies from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH), and what HSH provided in response was a policy of non-binding guidelines PSH providers are not required to abide by as a condition of contract renewal; and

WHEREAS, During the spring and summer of 2023, current and former permanent supportive housing tenants and eviction defense attorney came together to propose changes to the HSH guidelines to create strong policies to prevent eviction, including: pre-eviction arbitration, flexibility in rent payment methods including an electronic payment option, limiting evictions to substantial nuisance impacting other tenants, limiting overbroad stipulated agreements, strong right to mobility, and informing tenants of their rights during eviction and to organize during their tenancy, and said stakeholders presented these policy suggestions at the Homelessness Oversight Commission on August 3, 2023; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Democratic Party hereby urges the City and County of San Francisco to adopt the above-mentioned recommended policies to prevent evictions and permanent supportive housing, and any other policies which further the purposes of preventing evictions of our most vulnerable tenants while balancing autonomy and safety; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to HSH Director Shireen McSpadden, all members of the Homelessness Oversight Commission, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, the Director of the Department of Public Health, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, and Mayor London Breed within 48 hours of passage.

PROPOUNDED BY: Bevan Dufty

ADOPTED: August 23, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08-PSH Tenant Protections



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**Aye:** 18 – Avalos, Baraka, Berry, Chen, Dufty, Gallotta, Ibáñez, Kim, LaCroix, Li, Lovett, Mahogany, Peraza, Raju, Thomas, Zou, Ma, Ting

**Abstentions:** 4 – Tung, Pelosi, Kounalakis, Cohen

**Absent:** 11 – Campos, Loftus, Mandelman, Mar, Moliga, Ronen, Williams, Feinstein, Mullin, Wiener, Haney

**I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 8/23/2023 by the San Francisco Democratic Party.**

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