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June 14, 2017

The Honorable Malia Cohen, Chair
San Francisco Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisor Cohen:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 local businesses with over 200,000 employees, supports the proposed investments in homeless services and housing included in Mayor Ed Lee's proposed FY 2017-2018 budget.

The Mayor's proposed funding of homeless services and housing of \$245.4 million reflects a 12% increase over the FY 2016-2017 budget. The Chamber is on record supporting many of the programs that will be funded by this budget expansion, including:

- New Navigation Centers
- New Family Emergency Shelter
- New 24/7 Resource Center
- Additional Stabilization Beds
- Expansion of the Encampment Resolution Team (ERT)
- Rapid Rehousing for Families and Youth
- New Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

These and other related provisions in the Mayor's proposed budget are key investments in achieving short and long-term solutions to San Francisco's homelessness crisis. The increase in funding will take us on the path towards interim and permanent housing for homeless individuals, youth and families, provide additional emergency shelter and stabilization services, and improve coordinated entry programs.

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce supports these meaningful efforts to resolve our homelessness and housing crises and we applaud the Mayor for expanding funding for these purposes in his proposed FY 2017-2018 budget.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President of Public Policy
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

cc: Mayor Ed Lee, Clerk of the Board to be distributed to all members of the Board of Supervisors