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**MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES INCREASE OF FUNDING FOR ASSISTED LIVING PLACEMENT SUBSIDIES**

*Funding would help address the backlog of older adults and people living with disabilities waiting for subsidized assisted living placements due to the high cost of care*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced that \$1.1 million in one-time funding that is carried forward from a prior budget will go to subsidize 20 to 25 assisted living placements. This will help prevent homelessness for extremely vulnerable individuals, including older people and adults with disabilities who are unable to live independently and safely. These facilities are a vital housing resource, supporting individuals who are unable to remain safely in their own homes while providing residential, community-living settings.

In recent years, small residential care facilities, which are generally more affordable and accessible to low-income residents, have been closing due to high operating costs, and this has resulted in a nine percent loss of total available beds since 2012. Assisted living placements support safe housing and treatment for residents engaged in the City's medical and mental health systems, ensuring that the right level of care is available and accessible when it is

needed. This one-time funding would enhance the City's existing support for this sector. The City currently invests approximately \$11.2 million per year to support assisted living placements; 15 percent of San Francisco's total assisted living beds are supported with a City-funded subsidy.

"This is about making sure that our seniors and people with disabilities can age with dignity and that we have the resources to provide the care they need," said Mayor Breed. "This investment will provide more assisted living placements with supportive services for people in need to ensure that they remain housed and cared for."

The cost of assisted living is often prohibitively expensive for low-income individuals, with the average monthly rate for the least expensive assisted living facilities in San Francisco costing approximately \$4,300 per month. This funding would help address the gap that exists between that cost and the monthly state Supplemental Security Income that residents in assisted living receive.

"The decreasing availability and increasing cost of assisted living presents real and significant challenges for our residents and families supporting their loved ones," said Shireen McSpadden, executive director of the Department of Aging and Adult Services and Co-Chair of the San Francisco Long Term Care Coordinating Council (LTCCC). "The Mayor's leadership and action to secure additional placements enables people who need a higher level of care to live safely in our communities."

The use of these funds would complement a recent State grant received by the Department of Aging and Adult Services to provide intensive case management and short-term assistance to extremely vulnerable adults living in San Francisco and in Permanent Supportive Housing who are at substantial risk of becoming homeless.

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**MAYOR BREED ANNOUNCES NEW HOMELESSNESS  
PREVENTION FUNDING AS CITY RELEASES INITIAL  
HOMELESSNESS COUNT NUMBERS**

*Initial results of biannual count show 17% increase in homelessness over last two years, though both youth homelessness and veteran homelessness are down; Mayor Breed announces \$5 million investment in prevention to prevent people from becoming homeless*

**San Francisco, CA** — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a new \$5 million investment in homelessness prevention to address the rise of people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco. This comes as the initial results of the two-year Homelessness Point-in-Time (PIT) Count show a 17% increase in homeless individuals since 2017. The count also shows a reduction in veteran homelessness of 14% and youth homelessness of 10%.

The \$5 million homelessness prevention investment will be included in this year's upcoming budget. It will fund a series of targeted investments to help keep people from becoming homeless and help newly homeless individuals quickly exit homelessness. These interventions

include relocation programs like Homeward Bound, family reunification, mediation, move-in assistance, and flexible grants to address issues related to housing and employment.

Every two years, San Francisco is required to conduct a homelessness Point-in-Time Count by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The HUD count, which was conducted on January 24, 2019, counted 8,011 homeless people, both sheltered and unsheltered, in San Francisco. The 2017 HUD count recorded 6,858 people. The increase in unsheltered people was driven largely by people living in vehicles, accounting for 68% of the increase in unsheltered people. There was also an increase in sheltered residents, resulting from the investments the City has made to add shelter beds.

“The initial results of this count show we have more to do to provide more shelter, more exits from homelessness, and to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place. The results around our work focusing on youth and veteran homelessness are evidence that when we target our investments, we can make a difference for those living on our streets. As I have been saying for years, we desperately need to build more housing, especially badly needed affordable housing and supportive housing, because we know that high housing costs contribute to an increase in homelessness,” said Mayor Breed. “We know that homelessness is not just an issue in San Francisco, as other counties in the Bay Area and across the state are experiencing similar circumstances, and we all need to work together on regional and statewide solutions to address this crisis. As we continue to look at the data, we will focus more investments, but right now the data shows we need to prioritize investments to keep people stable and prevent them becoming homeless in the first place.”

“While I am pleased that we saw reductions in Veteran and youth homelessness, we are saddened that there are more people living without housing in San Francisco,” said Jeff Kositsky, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “We are proud to have helped over 4,000 people exit homelessness since the last PIT count but clearly have much more work to do, especially around preventing homelessness and assisting people living in their vehicles.”

In addition to the \$5 million investment in prevention funding, Mayor Breed will continue the progress being made to open over 300 new shelter beds this year, and an additional 500 beds in 2020. To address the growing population of people living in vehicles, San Francisco will expand its Vehicle Encampment Resolution Team, which works with individuals to help them into services and housing, and open a Vehicle Triage Center where people living in their vehicles can stay as they work to exit homelessness. San Francisco will also open 300 new units of supportive housing in 2019, which have already been funded, and there are over 1,000 more units in the pipeline.

The full report, including a survey of more than 1,000 sheltered and unsheltered homeless individuals, and a report on homeless youth, conducted during the 2019 PIT Count, will be fully compiled and released on July 1, 2019. San Francisco also conducts its own more expansive version of the count, but the HUD count is consistent with what other counties conduct, which makes for a more standard comparison across the state.

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