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### **What is the Place for All Ordinance?**

The Place for All Ordinance, introduced by Supervisors Rafael Mandelman and Sandra Lee Fewer, would require the City to create a network of temporary Safe Sleeping Sites with enough capacity to ensure that on any given night in San Francisco any unhoused person for whom the City cannot provide a supportive housing unit, shelter bed, or hotel room can be offered a placement at a Safe Sleeping Site. Within 60 days of passage, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing would be required to prepare and present an Implementation Plan to create 500 additional safe sleeping site placements within nine months and enough placements to accommodate all unsheltered people in San Francisco within nine months after that. The City Controller will be required to prepare an annual report evaluating the program.

### **What are Safe Sleeping Sites?**

Safe Sleeping Sites are safe, designated, and regulated outdoor spaces for unhoused people, providing an organized area to stay with access to amenities and services that may include handwashing stations, bathrooms, daily meals, social services, and access to the City's Coordinated Entry System. Since the creation of the City's first Safe Sleeping Site, the Fulton Street Safe Sleeping Village, in May 2020, the City has opened seven additional sites. There are seven active sites today, which serve over 200 people.

### **Why do we need a Place for All?**

San Francisco has struggled with homelessness since the 1980's. The reality that thousands of unhoused individuals remain on San Francisco's streets today is not for lack of effort or investment in solutions by the City. Since 2004, San Francisco has housed 26,000 formerly homeless people. Today, the City has over 8,000 units of permanent supportive housing which house approximately 10,000 formerly homeless people every night who would otherwise be homeless. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City's adult congregate shelter system served approximately 1,800 unhoused people, but since the onset of the pandemic capacity has been reduced by 75%. To address this reduction in shelter capacity and bring medically vulnerable unhoused people off the streets during the pandemic, the City has acquired more than 2,000 Shelter in Place hotel rooms.

Despite these many billions of dollars of investment in additional shelter bed capacity, hotel rooms, and permanent supportive housing units, thousands of unhoused people continue to sleep on the streets every night. If we are to end camping in our neighborhoods, our humanity and our laws require that we find alternative safe spaces for those living on our streets. Safe Sleeping Sites offer a sustainable and scalable citywide response to meet the shelter needs of our unhoused population, ensuring that all unhoused people have a safe place to spend the night, and that no neighborhood's sidewalks need serve as shelter of last resort.