

RESOLUTION. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FOCUS STRATEGIES TO
CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF ENCAMPMENT RESOLUTION FUND, ROUND 3
(ERF-3) PROGRAM DELIVERY, FOR THE TERM OF OCTOBER 7, 2025
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Collaborative Community Outcomes Division of the Human Services Agency (HSA), in partnership with the County Executive's Office, spearheaded an application to the State of California under the Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) grant to secure funding to serve unhoused San Mateo County residents living in Critical Homeless Encampment Zones (CHEZ); and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2024, San Mateo County was awarded \$14,134,200.12 by the California Department of Housing and Community Development to implement the ERF-3 program; and

WHEREAS, the County has an interest in ensuring that its programs that serve the public are effective and efficient, and conducting evaluations provides actionable information on the efficacy of County programs, increases transparency and accountability, and helps leaders make evidence-based decisions; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive's Office (CEO) issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify and select a qualified contractor to assist with the

evaluation of government programs within the category of housing and homelessness;
and;

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the RFP, the respondent with the highest score was Focus Strategies; and

WHEREAS, HSA wishes to enter into an Agreement with Focus Strategies to evaluate the County's implementation of the ERF-3 program for a total amount not to exceed \$300,000 with a term of October 7, 2025, through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the President of this Board of Supervisors be and is hereby authorized and directed to, execute said Agreement for and on behalf of the County of San Mateo, and the Clerk of the Board shall attest the President's signature thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Human Services Agency or designee is authorized to execute contract amendments which modify the County's maximum fiscal obligation by no more than \$25,000 (in the aggregate), and/or modify the contract term and/or services so long as the modified term or services is/are within the current or revised fiscal provisions.

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