## **RESOLUTION NO..**

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

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## RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO INCORPORATE THE NEEDS OF MIDDLE- INCOME SENIORS WHEN DEVELOPING A PERSON-CENTERED MASTER PLAN FOR AGING

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

WHEREAS, it is critical that all our older adults age with dignity and

independence; and

WHEREAS, the Public Policy Institute of California estimates that California's older population will nearly double by 2030, bringing an increase of four million people over 65 years of age; and

WHEREAS, ninety percent of older adults would like to age in their home, but often lack access to the necessary services and supports such as workforce development, housing, transportation, healthcare and economic security; and

WHEREAS, middle income seniors have too many financial assets to qualify for Medi-Cal, but often do not have sufficient resources to cover housing and support needs as their health and functional well-being change as they age; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 62 percent of seniors 65 and older in San Mateo County were considered the "Hidden Poor"; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is preparing a Master Plan for Aging to address aging and disability needs of the whole person and design a system for delivering comprehensive care and community-based infrastructure and resources, such as the Village Concept and creation of age-friendly communities; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County wishes to provide input and feedback on the Master Plan for Aging to ensure the plan addresses the reality and magnitude of the "Forgotten Middle Class; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors that the Board supports incorporating the needs of middle- income older adults in the State Master Plan for Aging, in order to promote and implement strategies toward healthy aging for all older Californians.

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