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## \*\*\*PRESS RELEASE\*\*\* MAYOR BREED ANNOUNCES THE GRAND OPENING OF CITY GARDENS, SAN FRANCISCO'S LARGEST FAMILY PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT

The 200-unit building with onsite services for families exiting homelessness is part of the Mayor's historic Homelessness Recovery Plan

**San Francisco, CA** – Today, Mayor London N. Breed announced the grand opening of City Gardens in the South of Market neighborhood. The permanent supportive housing facility adds to the City's housing portfolio which has helped over 10,000 people exit homelessness since 2018.

San Francisco provides shelter and housing to nearly 16,000 homeless and formerly homeless individuals every night, of which over 13,000 are in City-supported housing programs. The acquisition of City Gardens in the summer of 2022 by the City contributed to the success of the Mayor's Homelessness Recovery Plan, which supported the expansion of supportive housing in San Francisco by nearly 3,000 units.

"I am so proud of the work San Francisco is doing to provide long-term solutions for our residents exiting homelessness," **said Mayor Breed**. "The City's investments across our system in shelter, housing, and prevention are making a difference for people and our neighborhoods every day and we will keep working to bring stability and hope to those in most need."

City Gardens, located at 333 12th Street, was funded by \$56.7 million in State Homekey funding and nearly \$100 million in local Our City, Our Home funds. The building was constructed in 2021 and includes attractive amenities such as a large lobby and community space, resident lounges on every floor, roof terrace, offices, bike storage, and a landscaped courtyard. Residents have access to a wide range of supportive services, including case management and mental health counseling, provided by nonprofit Abode Services.

"The opening of City Gardens will provide secure housing for families in San Francisco at a time when it's badly needed," **said District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey**. "It's more than just a building, it's a sign of our commitment to helping our most vulnerable neighbors. I'm grateful to all the partners involved in this project for working together to make sure every family exiting homelessness has a safe place to call home."

"We are thrilled to celebrate the opening of City Gardens, a project that will change the lives of hundreds of families exiting homelessness in our community," said San Francisco Department

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of Homelessness and Supportive Housing Executive Director, Shireen McSpadden. "City Gardens offers a fresh start and a pathway towards stability to families that have experienced the hardships of homelessness. We are immensely grateful to the vision, partner and community support and funding that made this project possible."

San Francisco's Five-year Strategic Homeless Plan, Home by the Bay, sets a goal of cutting unsheltered homelessness in half over the next five years. This builds on the 15% reduction in unsheltered homelessness San Francisco has seen since 2019.

"City Gardens is a wonderful family project that we are excited to be a part of," **said Louis Chicoine, CEO of Abode**. "We are thankful to have been brought on by the City and County of San Francisco to operate such a beautiful and meaningful building that is now home to many San Franciscans."

For more information on San Francisco's five-year strategic strategy to address homelessness, please visit this page.

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