From Homeless to Housed
SAN FRANCISCO’S PROGRESS IN HELPING RESIDENTS EXIT HOMELESSNESS

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This Snapshot highlights the progress made in July 2020 and outlines how we plan to address the challenges ahead in the coming months. We areAll In for homes and services for our neighbors.