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Thank you, Mayor Brown, for those kind remarks. While I'm here for the announcement, it is the work of your city, your staff, and the creativity of the provider community here in San Francisco that is being acknowledged here today.

Today in this announcement, we make clear that the Giants aren't the only team that competes well for San Francisco. Two teams assembled by the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the San Francisco Department of Human Services have won national competitions, bringing here to San Francisco resources targeted to your most vulnerable citizens.

Their efforts created not just one, but two wins for San Francisco. At our Interagency Council Meeting at the White House on Wednesday, we announced that San Francisco had secured \$3.46 million – the highest amount in the country – in the chronic homelessness initiative. Additionally, we announced that San Francisco had won \$4.9 million in the joint collaborative between the Departments of Labor and Housing and Urban Development. In the two funding opportunities and in our meeting at the White House, Secretaries Thompson, Martinez, Chao, and Principi committed their resources to homeless people.

HUD was a leader in both initiatives under the continuing commitment of Secretary Martinez to make a difference on our country's streets. With us here today is the Secretary's Regional Director, Dick Rainey, a colleague of your Mayor's for many years in the state legislature.

At the US Conference of Mayors this summer, your Mayor led the endorsement of this Administration's efforts to end homelessness. He passed that resolution out of his housing committee unanimously, and, along with Mayors Menino and Daley, led the unanimous adoption in full session.

At the meeting with those Mayors, we agreed that, on this issue of homelessness, partnership would trump partisanship. That on this issue there is no D or R or I or G or any of those additional parties you now have in California. That we're just Americans trying to end a national disgrace.

And that theme of partnership is what makes today possible. Twenty federal agencies in partnership in the Council. HUD, VA, and HHS in partnership on the chronic homelessness initiative. HUD and Labor in partnership to provide housing and employment for homeless people. Federal partnership.

There is also a partnership between the federal agencies and cities in responding to homelessness, demonstrated at the Conference and here today in this funding announcement. The partnership between the Administration and this city, this Mayor, to make a difference on the streets.

And the partnerships between all of you here in San Francisco that made your applications so strong. Congratulations to all of you. I'll leave it to others to identify all the partners here.

Finally, with this funding, we begin a new standard of expectation. We expect visible, measurable, quantifiable change on our streets, in our homeless programs, and most especially, in the lives of homeless people. We are changing the verb of homelessness from **managing** to **ending**.

Your partnership is valuable to us in creating that new expectation. We expect innovative results here. And I believe, Mayor Brown, we'll get them.  
Thank you.