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Resolution urging the City Attorney to explore the possibility of filing lawsuits against Hastings College of Law regarding the proposed parking garage at Golden Gate and Larkin Streets.

WHEREAS, the people of the City and County of San Francisco have adopted various land-use laws to ensure a high quality of life for all local residents; and

WHEREAS, ensuring this high quality of life requires the fair enforcement of city landuse laws; and,

WHEREAS, Hastings College of the Law proposes to build a parking garage at Golden Gate Avenue and Larkin Street without complying with San Francisco's land-use laws; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislative Counsel of California issued an opinion on April 25, 1985 that property owned by Hastings College of the Law which is used for commercial purposes is subject to local land-use laws unless the use is closely related to the College's educational function or purpose;

WHEREAS, the San Francisco City Attorney's office issued a legal opinion on August 8, 1986 regarding Hastings' proposed six-story office building at Golden Gate and Larkin;

WHEREAS, Whereas the City Attorney found that because only two of the six floors of the proposed project would be used by Hastings, that the overall purpose of the project was revenue production, not education, and that the project was not exempt from local land-use laws; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2002, Hastings approved an eight-story, 885-space parking garage for Golden Gate Avenue and Larkin Street; and

WHEREAS, Hastings stated in an April 1997 environmental report that the proposed parking garage would serve a total of 80 faculty and students, and now claims that this proposed garage would serve 300 out of the 885 projected spaces; and

WHEREAS, regardless of which estimate is more accurate, it is clear that less than half of the garage's parking spaces will serve the demand of Hastings students and faculty; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Impact Report for the garage erroneously states that the project is exempt from local land-use laws, and is flawed in other key respects, including transit and traffic impacts and pedestrian safety;

WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco has thirty days from June 7 to file a suit against Hastings based on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and can also file a suit to require that the Hastings garage comply with the City's land-use approval process prior to construction; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the City Attorney to explore the possibility of filing lawsuits against Hastings College of Law requiring the Hastings garage project to comply with CEQA and with the City's land-use approval process prior to construction.



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	File No. 021052	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 17, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
		Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board
	Date Approved	Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.
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