FILE NO.   012149   RESOLUTION NO.   983-01

1   [Airport Security Act.]

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3   **Resolution urging the San Francisco and California Congressional delegation to**

4   **amend, S.1447, the Airport Security Act to allow airport security workers to retain their**

5   **jobs regardless of citizenship status and urging San Francisco International Airport to**

6   **apply to be one of the five airports that will remain privatized.**

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8   WHEREAS, The Aviation Security Bill, S.1447, signed into law by President George W.

9   Bush on November 19, 2001, mandates that all airport security staff be American citizens; and

10   WHEREAS, The Aviation Security Bill will be implemented within 90 days of November

11   19, 2001; and,

12   WHEREAS, When S.1447 is implemented eighty percent of the current security

13   screeners at San Francisco International Airport will lose their jobs within 90 days simply

14   because they are not citizens of the United States; and,

15   WHEREAS, Pilots, air traffic controllers, baggage handlers, mechanics, and flight

16   attendants are not mandated to be U.S. citizens, but they are given access to secure areas

17   within San Francisco International Airport; and,

18   WHEREAS, Citizenship status does not determine worker competence or productivity;

19   and,

20   WHEREAS, Service Employees International Union Local 790 has organized baggage

21   screeners at San Francisco International Airport and won contracts raising wages from $6.25

22   to $13 per hour; and,

23   WHEREAS, The annual turnover rate of airport baggage screeners at San Francisco

24   International Airport is roughly 15% as compared to 100% at many of America's airports; and,

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1   WHEREAS, San Francisco International Airport was the first airport in the country to

2   institute a quality standards program for baggage screeners to address the quality of airline

3   checkpoint security services; and,

4   WHEREAS, The quality standards program mandates that security screeners at San

5   Francisco International Airport have a high school degree, be English proficient, and have a

6   background check covering ten years; and,

7   WHEREAS, Many of the current baggage screeners at San Francisco International

8   Airport are permanent legal residents and are currently applying for citizenship; and,

9   WHEREAS, When S.1447 is implemented, over 750 employees will be laid off at San

10   Francisco International Airport through no fault of their own; and,

11   WHEREAS, Baggage screeners at San Francisco International Airport are currently

12   demoralized for fear of losing their jobs; and,

13   WHEREAS, It will take more than 90 days to adequately recruit and train replacements;

14   and,

15   WHEREAS, The Airport Security Act allows five airports nationwide to remain

16   privatized as part of a pilot program; now, therefore, be it;

17   RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

18   urges the Mayor's office and the Director of the San Francisco International Airport to apply to

19   be one of the five airports that will remain privatized; and, be it

20   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San

21   Francisco urges the San Francisco and California Congressional delegation to amend the

22   Airport Security Act, S.1447, to allow non-citizens at San Francisco International Airport to

23   retain their jobs regardless of citizenship status.

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December 10, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
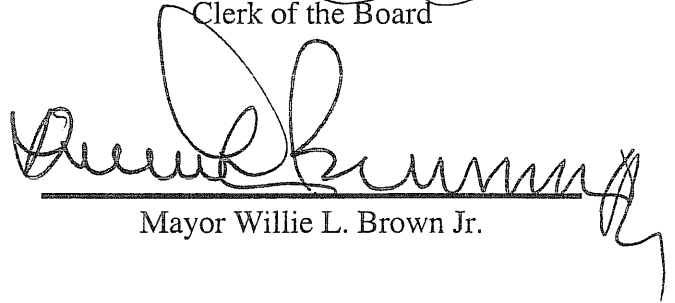
Absent: 1 - Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on December 10, 2001 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.