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[Resolution to acknowledge support by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors for passage of AB2972.]

Resolution acknowledging support of Assembly Bill 2972 (Aroner) which will allow targeting of youth ages 18-24 for state funded housing programs.

WHEREAS, Homeless youth and young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 are among the fastest growing segments of California's homeless population, and,

WHEREAS, Many homeless youth have emancipated from foster care without appropriate life skills training and resources, and,

WHEREAS, Many come from families that experience persistent poverty, and,

WHEREAS, All share one thing in common; a lack of affordable housing with appropriate supports and services, and,

WHEREAS, Under current law, State funds cannot be used for housing programs with age preferences between the ages of 18 and 24, and,

WHEREAS, As a result localities and community-based organizations are prohibited from developing specific housing programs targeting homeless youth and those at-risk of homelessness, such as emancipating foster youth, and,

WHEREAS, Without housing, many homeless youth recycle through the criminal justice system, shelters, hospitals and the streets, and,

WHEREAS, Existing shelters and housing programs for adults are inadequate because youth are vulnerable to adult abuse and because these adult-oriented programs lack services for transitioning youth, and,

WHEREAS, Under AB 2972, housing established for homeless youth that is either administered by the State or has received any state funds would not be considered unlawful discrimination on the basis of age, and,

WHEREAS, AB 2972 allows for the development of affordable housing for homeless youth, and,

WHEREAS, AB 2972 also assists the State in its implementation of federal laws promoting independence and self-sufficiency among foster care, runaway and exploited youth, and

WHEREAS, Housing that targets this population and serves their unique needs is appropriate to helping a new generation avoid impending homelessness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby urges passage of AB 2972; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this resolution immediately to the Honorable Alan Lowenthal, Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee of the California State Assembly, in order that he may have this resolution in hand prior to a hearing on this bill scheduled for 9 am on Wednesday, May 7, 2002.



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May 6, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

File No. 020703

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 6, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved** 

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Clerk of the Board