

1 [Commendation for the Youth Community Health Organizing Project and residents of Maria
2 Alicia Apartment]

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4 **Resolution commending the Youth Community Health Organizing Project and residents**
5 **of Maria Alicia Apartments for adopting the first voluntary community agreement in**
6 **San Francisco to curb smoking in the building's units and common areas.**

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8 WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand
9 smoke as a Group A carcinogen and where numerous studies have documented the dangers
10 of secondhand smoke. These studies report that secondhand smoke is the third leading
11 cause of preventable death and is also responsible for approximately 150,000 to 300,000
12 cases of bronchitis or pneumonia among children less than 18 months of age; and,

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors have demonstrated support for
14 global tobacco control by passing a resolution calling for U.S. tobacco companies to be held
15 to the same legislative standards in the U.S. and in support of a international tobacco control
16 legislation; and,

17 WHEREAS, According the California Department of Health Services Survey of Attitude
18 Towards Smoke-free environments of January 2001, 59% of Bay Area residents agree that at
19 least half of rental apartment units should be smoke-free; and,

20 WHEREAS, Research has shown that even smoking within the apartment unit exposes
21 other residents to secondhand smoke through ventilation systems, open windows and
22 doorways, and that increased ventilation alone does not completely reduce exposure; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Surgeon General's 2000 Report on Reducing Tobacco Use found that
24 clean indoor air laws that prohibit smoking "have been shown to decrease daily tobacco
25 consumption and increased smoking cessation among smokers;" and,

1 WHEREAS, The youth members of the Youth Community Health Organizing Project
2 (YoCo-HOP), a program of Mission Housing Development Corporation and a provider group
3 of the San Francisco Tobacco Free Project, have shown leadership in researching the impact
4 of secondhand smoke in apartment buildings. They organized surveys regarding the attitudes
5 on smoking among the tenants of five developments, conducted community meetings, and
6 proposed a workable agreement; and,

7 WHEREAS, The families of Maria Alicia Apartments, a twenty-unit apartment building
8 in the Mission District, have demonstrated notable leadership in passing a community
9 agreement to not smoke or permit guests to smoke in most of the building's units and
10 common areas; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Maria Alicia voluntary community agreement represents the first
12 known instance in San Francisco where tenants have created such an agreement in order to
13 maintain and improve community health; and,

14 WHEREAS, The residents of several other San Francisco apartment buildings are
15 considering adopting community agreements to curb tobacco use within their buildings; now
16 therefore, be it,

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
18 commends YoCo-HOP and the residents of Maria Alicia Apartments for their leadership in
19 forging the first known community agreement in a San Francisco apartment building to curb
20 tobacco use and improve community health.



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June 17, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Newsom
Excused: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 17, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.