

1 [Urging a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal]

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3 **Resolution urging a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal.**

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5 WHEREAS, Mumia Abu-Jamal, an award winning African American journalist, author  
6 of nine books and internationally known social critic and opponent of the death penalty, has  
7 been on Pennsylvania's death row for the past 22 years; and

8 WHEREAS, Amnesty International has pointed to serious flaws in the conduct of his  
9 1982 trial that raise critical constitutional issues that demand a new trial for Mr. Jamal; and,

10 WHEREAS, Amnesty International has raised issues around the suppression of critical  
11 evidence pointing to Mr. Jamal's innocence, the illegal exclusion of African American jurors,  
12 the denial of the right to self-representation and the intimidation of witnesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Prominent organizations including the California Labor Federation, the  
14 AFL-CIO, the Episcopal Church of the United States, the National Association for the  
15 Advancement of Colored People, the European Parliament, the San Francisco Labor Council,  
16 the Detroit City Council, the National Lawyers Guild, the ILWU, AFSCME and SEIU national  
17 unions have called for a new trial for Mr. Jamal; and,

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco's former Mayor Willie Brown declared August 16, 1997 as  
19 "Justice for Mumia Abu-Jamal Day in San Francisco."; therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors affirms its support for  
21 justice and a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal; and

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be communicated to the Governor's Office  
23 of the State of Pennsylvania.

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**Resolution**

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**Date Passed:**

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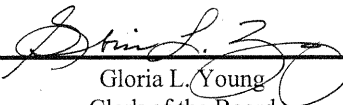
January 11, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi,  
Peskin, Sandoval

Noes: 2 - Elsbernd, Ma

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on January 11, 2005 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

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Mayor Gavin Newsom

**January 21, 2005**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the  
Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter,  
became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision  
of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
Clerk of the Board

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