

[Resolution urging Cardinal Levada to withdraw his directive to Catholic Charities forbidding the placement of children in need of adoption with same-sex couples]

**Resolution urging Cardinal William Levada, in his capacity as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, to withdraw his discriminatory and defamatory directive that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco stop placing children in need of adoption with homosexual households.**

WHEREAS, It is an insult to all San Franciscans when a foreign country, like the Vatican, meddles with and attempts to negatively influence this great City's existing and established customs and traditions such as the right of same-sex couples to adopt and care for children in need; and

WHEREAS, The statements of Cardinal Levada and the Vatican that "'Catholic agencies should not place children for adoption in homosexual households," and "Allowing children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to these children" are absolutely unacceptable to the citizenry of San Francisco ; and,

WHEREAS, Such hateful and discriminatory rhetoric is both insulting and callous, and shows a level of insensitivity and ignorance which has seldom been encountered by this Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Same-sex couples are just as qualified to be parents as are heterosexual couples; and

WHEREAS, Cardinal Levada is a decidedly unqualified representative of his former home city, and of the people of San Francisco and the values they hold dear; and

\*\*Supervisor Tom Ammiano\*\* / *DUFFY, Alfaro, Paez, Miskeremi, Ma, Daly*  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors urges Archbishop Niederauer and the Catholic  
2 Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to defy all discriminatory directives of Cardinal  
3 Levada; now, therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Cardinal William Levada, in his  
5 capacity as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican (formerly  
6 known as Holy Office of the Inquisition), to withdraw his discriminatory and defamatory  
7 directive that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco stop placing children in  
8 need of adoption with homosexual households.  
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March 21, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 21, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

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