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Resolution supporting Governor Brown's proposal to eliminate the California

Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities, and
affirming San Francisco's moratorium against sending youth to State run detention
facilities for youth.

[Supporting Governor Brown's Proposal to Eliminate the California Department of Corrections

WHEREAS, over the past 20 years numerous policy experts and commissions have called for closure of the Division of Juvenile Facilities, including the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Little Hoover Commission, and the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Superior Court of California has found that the Division of Juvenile Facilities is currently providing inadequate housing and treatment to its juvenile wards which is posing a risk to the safety of staff and wards and hindering rehabilitative efforts; and,

WHEREAS, California counties drastically vary in arrest and incarceration policies yet reliance on State incarceration has no effect on juvenile crime rates or trends; and,

WHEREAS, model juvenile justice practices minimize use of State incarceration including adult criminal court transfers for serious juvenile crimes; and,

WHEREAS, there are 13 counties that accounted for 46% of all commitments to the Division of Juvenile Facilities in 2009, but only 37% of juvenile felony arrests; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors declared a moratorium against sending youths to the Division of Juvenile Facilities in 2004 in Resolution 138-04; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco already utilizes locally self-reliant juvenile justice practices to serve its serious juvenile offenders; and,

WHEREAS, juvenile justice research finds that adopting local best juvenile justice practices reduces victimization and recidivism; and,

WHEREAS, currently the Division of Juvenile Facilities costs \$383 million of the State budget to serve only 1% of the juvenile justice population; and,

WHEREAS, the State is facing a \$28 billion dollar deficit and can no longer afford to maintain a dual juvenile justice system; and,

WHEREAS, if counties were provided additional resources and technical assistance to modify their juvenile justice practices, all juvenile offenders could be adequately served at the county level; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget allocates \$78 million to the counties during the first year and \$242 million to the counties in the third year to complete the realignment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the Governor's proposal to eliminate the Division of Juvenile Facilities by June 30, 2014, and realign juvenile justice practices to the county level; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its moratorium against sending youths to the Division of Juvenile Facilities and its commitment to providing model juvenile justice practices at the county level to juvenile justice system involved youth; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Brown, Senator Mark Leno, Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and Representative Bob Blumenfield, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.



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March 08, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/8/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor Edwin Lee

3/18/11

Date Approved

Date: March 18, 2011

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.

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