

1 [Guerrero House]

2 URGING CATHOLIC CHARITIES TO WORK WITH POTENTIAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
3 FUNDERS TO CONTINUE OPERATING GUERRERO HOUSE AS A TRANSITIONAL
4 LIVING PROGRAM FOR HOMELESS YOUNG ADULTS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

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6 WHEREAS, In the late 1980s, the City recognized the tremendous need for
7 continuation of services to homeless young adults when they turn 18 years old; and,

8 WHEREAS, Guerrero House was established in July 1990 as a Transitional Living
9 Program operated by Catholic Charities, providing housing, living skills, career guidance,
10 counseling, case management, love and support for up to 20 youth aged 18-24; and,

11 WHEREAS, Guerrero House is one of the only facilities of its type serving the often
12 overlooked and grossly underserved young adult population in the City of San Francisco,
13 making it even more unique, valuable and important in the City's system of care; and,

14 WHEREAS, Guerrero House has served approximately 52 homeless young adults
15 each year, 75% of whom have moved into independent living and are no longer on the
16 streets; and,

17 WHEREAS, Many of these young adults are graduates of the foster care system,
18 runaways who have recently been released from jail, and/or individuals struggling with drug
19 and alcohol addiction or psychiatric illnesses who are trying to escape abusive situations at
20 home; and,

21 WHEREAS, Residents of Guerrero House establish a full-time schedule upon entering
22 the program, consisting of activities designed to create their path to self sufficiency and
23 responsibility, including education, employment, psycho-social well-being, money
24 management, and community service; and,

25 WHEREAS, By investing in our young adults while they are still young, teaching them
valuable life skills, and addressing their developmental and psycho-social needs at an early

1 age, the program at Guerrero House is a wise investment in the future, not only in terms of
2 the human fulfillment it produces but also in terms of the cost savings it achieves for the City
3 by addressing health and public safety problems before they become chronic; and,

4 WHEREAS, As a result of Guerrero House's extraordinary success in helping its
5 residents stabilize their lives, the program has received funding from the Federal
6 Government's HUD McKinney Program, San Francisco's Department of Human Services,
7 and corporate, foundation and private grants; and,

8 WHEREAS, For a myriad of reasons, Catholic Charities is considering closing
9 Guerrero House in the near future; and,

10 WHEREAS, Such a closure would create an even wider gap in the provision of care to
11 an underserved population and create serious problems in the long and short term; now,
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 hereby urges Catholic Charities to work with potential public and private funders to continue
15 operating Guerrero House as a Transitional Living Program for homeless young adults in San
16 Francisco.



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Resolution

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June 19, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Yaki

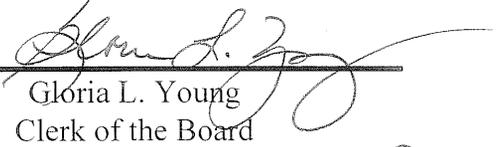
Absent: 2 - Teng, Yee

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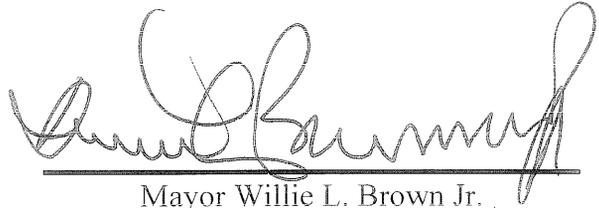
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 19, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUN 30 2000

Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.