

[Opposing Consumer Bailout]

1 **RESOLUTION OPPOSING ANY PROPOSED "CONSUMER BAILOUTS" AND ANY**
2 **ELECTRIC RATE INCREASES, AND FURTHER REQUESTS GREATER COMMUNITY**
3 **INPUT AT THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, AS WELL AS A**
4 **COMMITMENT BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ENHANCE ITS**
5 **LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME**
6 **CUSTOMERS OF PG&E HAVE WEATHERIZATION AND ARE PART OF THE PRESENT**
7 **CARE PROGRAM.**

8 WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission is a constitutionally created State
9 agency charged with regulating providers of essential services such as electricity, natural gas,
10 water, and telecommunications under the general direction of the State Legislature; and

11 WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission created the blueprint for electric
12 restructuring intent on lowering consumer energy rates; and

13 WHEREAS, AB 1890 promised consumers a 20% rate reduction, via a mandated 10%
14 automatic reduction and a 10% reduction naturally occurring through competition; and

15 WHEREAS, San Diego Gas and Electric was the first utility to open up to competition
16 and end a freeze on rates causing citizens of San Diego to pay, on average, a 270% increase
17 in electric rates; and

18 WHEREAS, Pacific Gas and Electric and Southern California Edison are seeking a
19 consumer "bail out" for their increased wholesale electricity prices; and

20 WHEREAS, the end of the rate freeze is likely to double or triple electric rates and bills;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the average low-income consumer pays 10% or more of their total income
23 for energy consumption and needs additional ratepayer assistance and energy efficiency
24 programs to ensure access to affordable electricity; and

25 WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission has rejected mechanisms to
ensure sustained community input; and

Supervisors Ammiano, Sandoval, Peskin, Daly

1 WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission has so far failed to devise any
2 effective methods for protecting seniors, working families, disabled, limited-English speakers
3 and the poor from excessive rate increases; and

4 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City and County of San Francisco to protect
5 businesses in San Francisco, senior citizens, disabled individuals, low-income residents as
6 well as working-class families from excessive energy rate increase; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 opposes any proposed "consumer bailouts" and any electric rate increases, and requests
9 greater community input at the California Public Utilities Commission, as well as a commitment
10 by the California Public Utilities Commission to enhance its low-income programs to ensure
11 that all eligible low-income customers of PG&E have weatherization and are part of the present
12 CARE program.

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24 **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**
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Resolution opposing any proposed "consumer bailouts" and any electric rate increases, and further requests greater community input at the California Public Utilities Commission, as well as a commitment by the California Public Utilities Commission to enhance its low-income programs to ensure that all eligible low-income customers of PG&E have weatherization and are part of the present care program.

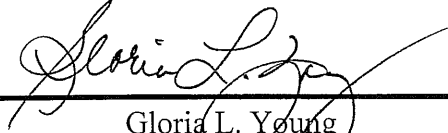
January 22, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno,
Newsom, Peskin, Yee

Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 22, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

February 2, 2001

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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