

1 [Denouncing DEA Raids]

2 Resolution denouncing the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) recent raid  
3 of the Sixth Street Harm Reduction Center in San Francisco and urging  
4 the DEA and the federal government to respect and uphold the will of  
5 the people of San Francisco that the City be a compassionate haven  
6 for the use of medical cannabis to alleviate the suffering of  
7 seriously ill patients.

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters and public officials have over the  
10 past two decades repeatedly supported efforts to make San Francisco a  
11 sanctuary for medical cannabis use; and,

12 WHEREAS, In 1996, the voters of the City and County of San  
13 Francisco supported by 78 percent Proposition 215, the Compassionate  
14 Use Act of 1996, which exempted patients and defined caregivers who  
15 possess or cultivate marijuana for medical treatment recommended by a  
16 physician from criminal laws which otherwise prohibit possession or  
17 cultivation of marijuana; and,

18 WHEREAS, In 2000, the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
19 County of San Francisco created a widely successful medical cannabis  
20 identification card program for individuals who qualify under the  
21 Compassionate Use Act of 1996 as users of medical cannabis or as  
22 primary caregivers to medical cannabis users; and,

23 WHEREAS, This ID card program is a central and critical part of  
24 the local health care delivery system designed by the City to address  
25 the needs of patients seriously ill with ailments such as cancer,

1 anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis,  
2 migraine, or other medical conditions for which cannabis provides  
3 relief; and,

4 WHEREAS, This legislative and policy history was recounted in a  
5 resolution recently passed in 2001 by the Board of Supervisors  
6 declaring the City and County of San Francisco a sanctuary for  
7 medical cannabis use, cultivation and distribution; and,

8 WHEREAS, The resolution was prompted in part by recent Drug  
9 Enforcement Agency raids of medical cannabis dispensaries in Southern  
10 California and was intended to discourage and voice opposition to  
11 similar raids in San Francisco; and,

12 WHEREAS, Despite these definitive and clear policy statements  
13 and programs, the Drug Enforcement Agency on the morning of Tuesday,  
14 February 12, 2002 raided the Sixth Street Harm Reduction Center and  
15 arrested several individuals involved in the delivery of medical  
16 cannabis to patients and their caregivers; and,

17 WHEREAS, This raid is a direct assault on the health care  
18 delivery system of the City and County of San Francisco which should  
19 be respected as a legitimate and compassionate way in which a local  
20 jurisdiction takes an active role in meeting the medical needs of its  
21 residents; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of  
23 Supervisors hereby denounces the Drug Enforcement Agency's recent  
24 raid of the Sixth Street Harm Reduction Center in San Francisco; and  
25 be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the DEA and the federal  
2 government to respect and uphold the will of the people of San  
3 Francisco that the City be a compassionate haven for the use of  
4 medical cannabis to alleviate the suffering of seriously ill  
5 patients; and be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the federal government to  
7 refrain from harassing, arresting or prosecuting physicians, medical  
8 cannabis dispensaries, individual patients, or their primary  
9 caregivers attempting to comply with section 11362.5 of the  
10 California Health and Safety Code.



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## Resolution

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February 25, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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**Date Approved**