

1 [Commending Global Exchange, Asian Law Caucus, Sweatshop Watch, Union of
2 Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Workers for their work in a class action lawsuit
3 representing garment workers in Saipan and urging Levi Strauss to join in the settlement.]

4 **Resolution commending Global Exchange, Asian Law Caucus, Sweatshop Watch, and**
5 **Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Workers for working tirelessly on behalf**
6 **of the 30,000 current and former garment workers in Saipan in their class action**
7 **lawsuit to establish a code of conduct for the companies who have factories there, a**
8 **monitoring system to prevent labor abuses, and a fund to pay back wages to**
9 **employees and urging Levi Strauss to join in the settlement of this class action lawsuit.**

10 WHEREAS, Saipan is one of the Northern Mariana Islands, a U.S. common-wealth
11 that is exempt from American labor, immigration and customs laws and home to 30,000
12 current and former garment workers who labor in American owned factories; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Asian Law Caucus has worked on this class action lawsuit for the last
14 three years and other critical issues for the past 30 years; and,

15 WHEREAS, Global Exchange has helped bring accountability to the garment industry
16 and has educated the U.S. public about critical global issues; and,

17 WHEREAS, Sweatshop Watch has done an exemplary job bringing attention to the
18 plight of workers in sweatshops in California as well as the rest of the nation and globe; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees has
20 supported workers throughout the world and holds corporations accountable for their actions
21 on sweatshop issues; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Gap, Abercrombie & Fitch, Target, J.C. Penny, Lane Bryant Inc., The
23 Limited, Inc., and Talbots, have joined 23 local manufacturers and 19 other retailers in
24 settling this class action lawsuit thereby agreeing to comply with basic employment standards,
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1 participate in a monitoring program and pay into a fund established to pay back wages to
2 current and former garment workers on Saipan; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby commends the
4 Asian Law Caucus, Global Exchange, Sweatshop Watch, and the Union of Needletrades,
5 Industrial and Textile Employees for its advocacy of; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
7 commends all of the companies who have agreed to settling in this class action lawsuit; and,
8 be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That The San Francisco Board of Supervisors strongly urges
10 Levi Strauss to join in the settlement of this class action lawsuit.

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Resolution commending Global Exchange, Asian Law Caucus, Sweatshop Watch, and Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Workers for working tirelessly on behalf of the 30,000 current and former garment workers in Saipan in their class action lawsuit to establish a code of conduct for the companies who have factories there, a monitoring system to prevent labor abuses, and a fund to pay back wages to employees and urging Levi Strauss to join in the settlement of this class action lawsuit.

October 7, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

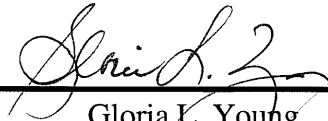
Absent: 1 - Yee

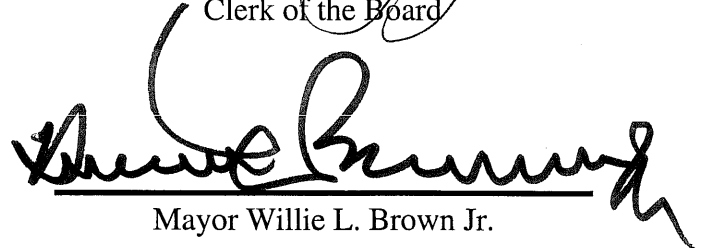
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 7, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.