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3   **Resolution urging the California Legislature to pass Senate Bill 1066 and instructing**

4   **the City's lobbyist to work toward this goal. This Bill eliminates discrimination based**

5   **on age and sexual orientation, increases access to employer-provided health**

6   **insurance for opposite-sex couples, and brings uniformity to domestic partners laws in**

7   **California.**

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9   WHEREAS, the State of California domestic partnership registry (Cal. Fam. Code Sec.

10 297) requires that, in order to be eligible to register, both partners either be of the same sex

11 and of the age of consent, or of the opposite sex and at least one partner be 62 or older; and

12 WHEREAS, by creating laws that exclude opposite-sex couples under the age of 62

13 from forming domestic partnerships but allow same-sex couples to do so, the State

14 segregates and discriminates based on sexual orientation and age; and,

15 WHEREAS, an increasing number of opposite-sex couples of all ages choose

16 domestic partnership over marriage for economic, ideological, psychological, religious, and

17 personal reasons; and,

18 WHEREAS, a large percentage of children are born to opposite-sex unmarried but

19 cohabiting couples who may wish to register as domestic partners so their children can have

20 access to protections and benefits afforded to families under domestic partnership law; and,

21 WHEREAS, women who have suffered from domestic violence in a prior marriage may

22 prefer the option of domestic partnership over marriage, in order to receive benefits, but

23 maintain greater personal autonomy; and,

24 WHEREAS, expanding the definition of domestic partners to include more opposite-

25 sex couples would increase access to employer-provided health insurance for opposite-sex

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1 domestic partners and their children, thereby reducing the number of individuals who are

2 uninsured or underinsured and who rely on the government to subsidize their health care;

3 and,

4   WHEREAS, eighteen California municipalities have adopted domestic partnership

5 registries that include and treat equally both same-sex and opposite-sex couples and SB

6 1066 would bring uniformity to domestic partners laws in California; and,

7   WHEREAS, San Francisco has been a leading jurisdiction in the establishment of

8 domestic partnerships by, in 1991, enacting one of the first domestic partnership registries in

9 the country and, in 1996, by passing the landmark Equal Benefits Ordinance, which requires

10 companies that contract with the City to offer the same benefits to domestic partners and

11 spouses of employees; and,

12   WHEREAS, in creating these mechanisms to address inequality, the City has insisted

13 that same-sex and opposite-sex couples be treated equally, so as to avoid creating anti-

14 discrimination laws that themselves have discriminatory features; now, therefore, be it

15   RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges

16 the California Legislature to pass SB 1066; and, be it

17   FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of

18 Supervisors instructs the City's lobbyist to work toward this goal.

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April 15, 2008   Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

> Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
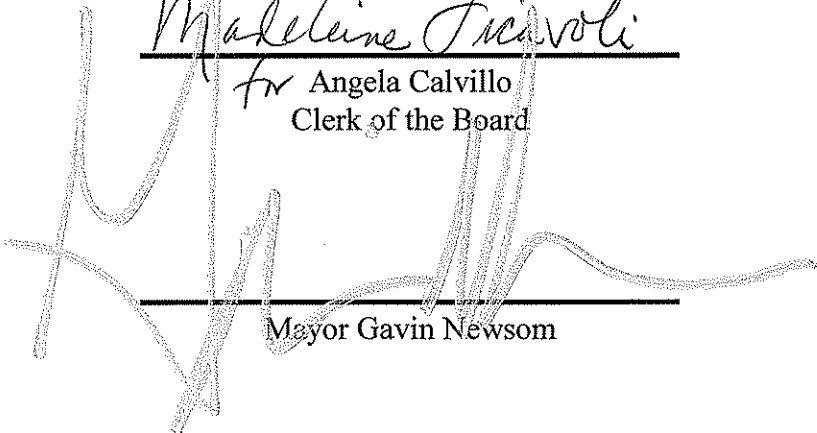> Absent: 1 - Dufty

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on April 15, 2008 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

Madeleine Licavoli
fr Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

4.17.08
Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom