

1 [Supporting a California Constitutional Amendment to restore majority rule to all budgetary
2 and revenue issues decided by the state legislature]

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4 **Resolution supporting the advocates who are working to place a California**
5 **Constitution Amendment on the ballot to restore majority rule to all budgetary and**
6 **revenue issues decided by the state legislature.**

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9 WHEREAS, In 1933, Proposition 1 specified that a two-thirds majority vote of the
10 legislature be required to pass the California state budget if it increased spending by 5% or
11 more; and,

12 WHEREAS, In 1962, Proposition 16 deleted the 5% increase spending provision thus
13 requiring a two-thirds majority vote of the legislature to pass the state budget, regardless of
14 any increase or decrease in state spending; and,

15 WHEREAS, In 1978 Proposition 13 specified that a two-thirds majority vote of the
16 legislature be required to pass any new tax measures; and,

17 WHEREAS, California is the only state in the nation that requires a two-thirds majority
18 vote to pass both the state budget and tax measures; and,

19 WHEREAS, These two-thirds vote requirements have led to an extreme minority of
20 state legislators effectively having veto power over the state budget and any new revenue
21 measures; and,

22 WHEREAS, A group of small-government Republicans have consistently blocked any
23 new revenue measures, which has led to regular structural budget deficits; and,

1 WHEREAS, The structural budget deficit has been exasperated by the current
2 economic recession to create a catastrophic budget deficit that is leading to the gutting of
3 essential services; and,

4 WHEREAS, Restoring majority rule of state budget and revenue measures would
5 reduce gridlock in the legislature and empower the majority to decide the state's business
6 instead of a radical minority; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 supports the advocates who are working to place a California Constitutional Amendment on
9 the ballot to restore majority rule to all budgetary and revenue issues decided by the state
10 legislature.



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June 9, 2009 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

June 16, 2009 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

Excused: 1 - Elsbernd

June 16, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 8 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Daly, Dufty, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

Noes: 2 - Alioto-Pier, Chu

Excused: 1 - Elsbernd

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on June 16, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

6/26/09

Date Approved

UNSIGNED

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: June 26, 2009

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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