

FILE NO. 000361

RESOLUTION NO. 199-00

1 [Dr. Laura Schlessinger]

2 URGING DR. LAURA SCHLESSINGER TO REFRAIN FROM MAKING INACCURATE
3 STATEMENTS ABOUT GAYS AND LESBIANS THAT INCITE VIOLENCE AND HATE;
4 URGING PARAMOUNT AND ABC TO DISCONTINUE AIRING THE SHOW IF INACCURATE
5 STATEMENTS CONTINUE; AND URGING PARAMOUNT AND ABC TO GIVE EQUAL AIR
6 TIME TO SHOWS THAT ACCURATELY DEPICT THE TRUTH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY
7 AND THE LIVES OF GAYS AND LESBIANS.
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9 WHEREAS, The Dr. Laura Show is a nationally aired radio show attracting 20 million
10 listeners on 500 different radio stations across the United States, featuring the commentary of
11 Dr. Laura Schlessinger; and,
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13 WHEREAS, Many of Dr. Laura's listeners, knowing that she has earned a Ph.D in
14 physiology, trust that her statements are derived from credible scientific opinion; and,
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16 WHEREAS, Dr. Laura's statements about homosexuality are often scientifically
17 inaccurate, including assertions that "if you're gay or lesbian, it's a biological error that inhibits
18 you from relating normally to the opposite sex," and that homosexuals are "deviants" who can
19 be "cured;" and,
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21 WHEREAS, Such statements have been repudiated by the American Medical
22 Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Association of School
23 Administrators, American Counseling Association, American Psychiatric Association,
24 American Psychological Association, American School Association, National Association of
25 School Psychologists, and National Association of Social Workers, among others, and

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1 WHEREAS, These kinds of inaccurate words can lead to actions, including violence
2 and harassment, that negatively impact the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender
3 people and those around them; and,

4 WHEREAS, Young people are particularly susceptible to these negative assertions,
5 exposing them to increased risk of harassment, suicide, depression and hate violence; and,
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7 WHEREAS, Other national figures such as the Reverend Jerry Falwell have recently
8 committed to no longer making statements that “can be construed as sanctioning hate or
9 antagonism against homosexuals”; and,

10 WHEREAS, A diverse group of 78 rabbis, priests, ministers and religious directors
11 recently wrote a letter to Dr. Laura condemning her use of the Bible and the Torah to
12 condemn gays and lesbians;
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14 WHEREAS, In addition to her current audience, Paramount is considering airing a
15 television show featuring Dr. Laura this fall, adding to her visibility throughout the country;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Dr. Laura
18 Schlessinger to refrain from making inaccurate statements about gays and lesbians that incite
19 violence and hate; and, be it
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21 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board urges Paramount and ABC to discontinue
22 airing the show if inaccurate statements continue; and, be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board urges Paramount and ABC to give equal air
2 time to shows that accurately depict the truth about homosexuality and the lives of gays and
3 lesbians.
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Date Passed:

Resolution urging Dr. Laura Schlessinger to refrain from making inaccurate statements about gays and lesbians that incite violence and hate; urging Paramount and ABC to discontinue airing the show if inaccurate statements continue; and urging Paramount and ABC to give equal air time to shows that accurately depict the truth about homosexuality and the lives of gays and lesbians.

March 6, 2000 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

March 6, 2000 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Bierman

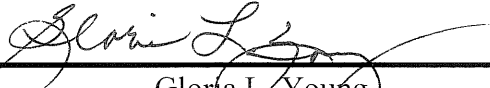
March 6, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Bierman

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED AS AMENDED** on March 6, 2000 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.