[Senate Bill 962- Direct deposit of public assistance benefits]

URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO APPROVE
STATE SENATE BILL 962 REQUIRING THOSE COUNTIES THAT OFFER DIRECT
DEPOSIT PROGRAMS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM FOR THE
DIRECT DEPOSIT BY ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER OF PAYMENTS TO ANY PERSON
ENTITLED TO THE RECEIPT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, Many California welfare recipients are in the process
of making the transition from welfare into the labor market; and,
WHEREAS, Part of the transition into the labor market should
include participation in the economic mainstream through establishing
banking relationships; and
WHEREAS, Many California banks offer low- or no-cost accounts
for customers who make their deposits through direct deposit; and
WHEREAS, Direct deposit is widely offered by private and public
employers and utilized by many employees because of its convenience,
reliability, and low cost; and
WHEREAS, The option of direct deposit is not currently available
to most California public assistance recipients; and
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 962, introduced by Senator Martha Escutia,
would allow direct deposit of public assistance benefits into a
financial institution, minimizing the likelihood of mail thefts or
mail delays, ensuring that all recipients receive money on the first
of the month (currently the checks are given out on any one of the
first ten days of the month making it difficult for some to pay rent
on time), and preventing welfare recipients from having to pay check
cashing fees; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco urges the Legislature and Governor to approve Senate
Bill 962 requiring those counties that offer direct deposit programs
to their employees to establish a program for the direct deposit by
electronic fund transfer of payments to any person entitled to the
receipt of public assistance; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to
his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the
delegation from San Francisco in the State legislature, as well as
Governor Davis, asking that they take all action necessary to pass
Senate Bill 962.
Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve State Senate Bill 962 requiring those counties that offer direct deposit programs to their employees to establish a program for the direct deposit by electronic fund transfer of payments to any person entitled to the receipt of public assistance.

March 27, 2000  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
   Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki
   Absent: 3 - Bierman, Newsom, Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 27, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved  
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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.