WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution on September 3, 1999 which urged the Justice Department to scrutinize the merger for anti-competitive effects, ensure that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner be premised upon the buyer providing competitive daily city and regional circulation, and convene public hearings in San Francisco on the impact of the merger as well as urging the Hearst Corporation to comply with job rights, classifications, contracts and protections of all Chronicle and Examiner employees as well as to give voice to San Francisco's diverse community; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution on December 20, 1999 urging the Attorney General of California, based on the precedent established in the State of Hawaii, to investigate the proposed sale of the San Francisco Chronicle to the Hearst Corporation and potential violations of federal anti-trust Laws and violation of the National Newspaper Act and further urging the San Francisco District Attorney to conduct a similar investigation; and

Supervisor Ammiano
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHEREAS, On January 21, 2000, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution urging Office of the City Attorney, based upon testimony by the general public and the District Attorney’s Office as well as the precedent established in Honolulu, Hawaii, to evaluate the appropriateness of litigation of the proposed sale of the San Francisco Chronicle to the Hearst Corporation and further urging the City Attorney report back to the Board of Supervisors in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, On February 16, 2000 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors also unanimously passed a resolution urging the Justice Department to require a bona fide offer for the purchase of the Examiner be premised upon the buyer providing competitive daily circulation and further urging the Hearst Corporation to comply with job rights, job classifications, contracts, and protections of all Chronicle and Examiner employees; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution on February 18, 2000 supporting the sale of the San Francisco Examiner to a buyer who is committed to honoring existing labor agreements with its unionized staff; and

WHEREAS, A hearing to investigate called for the applicability of the Seattle Joint Operating Agreement mode to the sale of the San Francisco Examiner by the Hearst Corporation was called by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on February 2000; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Examiner archival materials contains over a century worth of invaluable and irreplaceable historical documents and writings that are of inestimable value to the citizens of the San Francisco Bay Area in particular and to the American people in general; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Examiner archival materials comprises one of the few comprehensive and detailed sources of historical archives and information documenting San Francisco’s historical, cultural, political, social, and economic evolution, transformation and development; and

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHEREAS, It is the wish of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors that the archival materials remain accessible to people of the San Francisco Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges the former and current owners of the San Francisco Examiner as well as the Department of Justice that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner be predicated upon the protection of San Francisco Examiner archives, which are of inestimable value to the people of San Francisco Bay Area, against deletion, editing, and any other substantive changes; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner require that existing archival materials, including Internet sites “Examiner.com”, to remain accessible to the general public; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors further declares that the existing San Francisco archival material, including Internet sites “examiner.com” remain accessible to reporters, writers, photographers, columnists and associated staff and who shall have the right to publish materials of their own authorship in perpetuity without hindrance or cost .
Resolution urging former and current owners of the San Francisco Examiner as well as the Department of Justice that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner be predicated upon the protection of San Francisco Examiner archives, which are of inestimable value to the people of San Francisco Bay Area, against deletion, editing, and any other substantive changes; and further declaring that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner require that existing archival materials, including Internet sites "Examiner.com", to remain accessible to the general public; and further declaring that the existing archival materials including internet sites "Examiner.com" remain accessible to reporters, writers, photographers, columnists and associated staff and who shall have the right to publish materials of their own authorship in perpetuity without hindrance or cost.

April 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria E. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: April 21, 2000

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.

Gloria E. Young
Clerk of the Board