

1 [Newcomer High School]

2 URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO RETAIN NEWCOMER
3 HIGH SCHOOL AT ITS CURRENT LOCATION

4 WHEREAS, Newcomer High School was founded on August 14th 1979; and,

5 WHEREAS, Newcomer High School was the first program of its kind in the nation and
6 became a model for other Newcomer programs throughout the United States; and,

7 WHEREAS, Newcomer High School provides San Francisco with a transitional
8 program for all newly arrived high-school age immigrants who lack adequate English
9 language proficiency ; and,

10 WHEREAS, Students stay at Newcomer High School for approximately one year
11 before they move on to comprehensive High Schools or various alternative academic
12 programs throughout San Francisco Unified School District; and,

13 WHEREAS, The staff of the San Francisco Unified School District recommended that
14 the students of Newcomer High School be integrated into Mission High School; and,

15 WHEREAS, Students in the one year Newcomer High School already have sufficient
16 access to core curriculum during their first year in the school system; and,

17 WHEREAS, Parents and guardians of immigrant youth deserve the choice of a small
18 school; and,

19 WHEREAS, The small size of Newcomer High School makes a more secure
20 environment possible and affords the newly arrived immigrant student individualized attention
21 during the critical period of adjustment to their new life; and,

22 WHEREAS, At the end of their first year of attending Newcomer High School students
23 have the option of attending their neighborhood high school, or applying to alternative High
24 School; and,

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SUPERVISORS
GAVIN NEWSOM, LELAND YEE, BIERMAN, KATZ, TENG, AMMIANO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, In the past five years taxpayers have invested 1.3 million dollars in
2 program specific renovations and internet wiring at the Newcomer High School site; and,

3 WHEREAS, No members of the Mission High School communities or Newcomer High
4 communities were fully consulted as stakeholders in this process; and,

5 WHEREAS, The plan to move Newcomer High School to Mission High School is a
6 hastily conceived maneuver to secure administrative office space in Pacific Heights, and is
7 not part of any larger plan by the district to improve student performance; and,

8 WHEREAS, The plan to move Newcomer High School to Mission High disrupts two
9 school populations so that one set of administrative offices can be installed; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the San
12 Francisco Unified School District to retain Newcomer High School in its current location.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the San Francisco Unified School District to retain Newcomer High School at its current location.

May 1, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

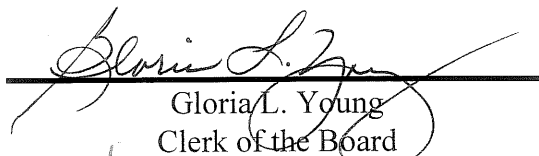
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,

Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Katz

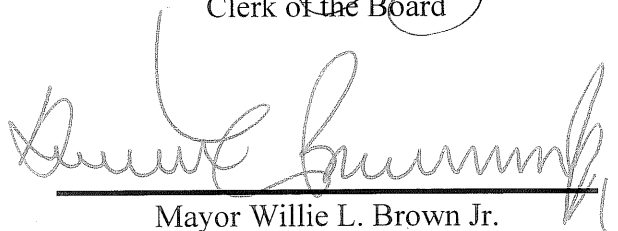
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 1, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.