

1 [Commending Canadian Broadcast Standards Council]

2 **COMMENDING THE CANADIAN BROADCAST STANDARDS COUNCIL FOR REBUKING**
3 **LAURA SCHLESSINGER'S ANTI-GAY RADIO BROADCAST AND UPHOLDING THE**
4 **DIGNITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER**
5 **INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS IMPLEMENTING PROACTIVE MEASURES TO MITIGATE**
6 **POTENTIAL VIOLENCE DIRECTED AT INDIVIDUALS WHO EITHER ARE OR PERCEIVED**
7 **TO BE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL OR TRANSGENDER.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Canadian Broadcast Standards Council (CBSC) is comprised of 430
10 private Canadian radio and television shows throughout Canada; and

11 WHEREAS, The CBSC unanimously condemned the anti-gay content of Laura
12 Schlessinger's radio broadcast and publicly rebuked Laura Schlessinger for openly violating
13 Canada's provisions regarding human rights; and

14 WHEREAS, Laura Schlessinger publicly stated that the behavior of gays, lesbians,
15 bisexuals and transgender individuals was abnormal, aberrant, disordered, dysfunctional,
16 deviant; and that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals were a biological error;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, The CBSC stated that because Schlessinger broadcasts from a powerful
19 and influential medium, the cumulative effects of her anti-gay views may contribute to the
20 creation of a negative social environment, hatred targeted the lesbian, gay, bisexual and
21 transgender community, potentially incite violent acts directed at individuals or groups who are
22 or are perceived to be gay ; and

23 WHEREAS, To willfully promote hatred against an identifiable group such as racial,
24 religious, and ethnic minorities as well as sexual minority groups is deemed a criminal offense
25 in Canada ; and

Supervisors Ammiano, Katz, Leno, Bierman

1 WHEREAS, The CSBS further stated that the sexual practices of gays and lesbians are
2 as much a part of one's being as the color one's skin or the gender, religion, age or ethnicity of
3 an individual and further that Schlessinger's use of such brutal language regarding an
4 individual's essential characteristic is antithetical to Canada's human rights provisions; and

5 WHEREAS, The CSBS also equated Schlessinger's treatment of gays with racist
6 speech targeting minority groups and noted that professional psychiatric and psychological
7 associations regard Schlessinger's views of gay as being more than 25 years out of date; and

8 WHEREAS, The CSBS further required all participating radio and television stations to
9 filter and censor any anti-gay statements made on her show on all future broadcast in addition
10 to requiring all participating stations that air Schlessinger's shows to broadcast statements on
11 the CSBS ruling during their prime-time broadcast; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
13 commends the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council for publicly rebuking Laura
14 Schlessinger's anti-gay radio broadcasts and upholding and defending the dignity and human
15 rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors further commends the
17 Canadian Broadcast Standards Council for implementing proactive measures to mitigate
18 potential violence directed at individuals who either are or are perceived to be lesbian, gay,
19 bisexual and transgender individuals.

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Resolution commending the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council for rebuking Laura Schlessinger's anti-gay radio broadcast and upholding the dignity and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals as well as implementing proactive measures to mitigate potential violence directed at individuals who either are or perceived to be lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.

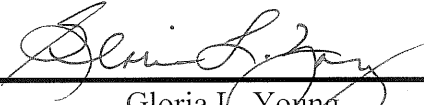
May 22, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Becerril, Katz, Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 22, 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.