

1 [Commending CIAPA]

2 COMMENDING CONSUMERS IN ACTION FOR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR  
3 EFFORTS TO EDUCATE AND PERSUADE DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS TO  
4 BETTER SERVE THEIR CLIENTS BY OFFERING VOTER REGISTRATION.

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6 WHEREAS, We are celebrating the tenth anniversary of a landmark civil rights law, the  
7 Americans with Disabilities Act; and,

8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco prides itself on being open to all  
9 and to supporting all communities in their struggle for full inclusion in our society; and,

10 WHEREAS, Citizens with disabilities are the nation's largest minority, comprising a fifth  
11 of the population; and,

12 WHEREAS, Voter registration and voter turnout rates for people with disabilities are far  
13 lower than the rest of the population, making the disabled a sleeping giant in American  
14 politics; and,

15 WHEREAS, People with disabilities are less likely to be registered to vote than people  
16 without disabilities by a gap of 16 percentage points (62% versus 78% respectively); and,

17 WHEREAS, People with disabilities vote at a rate 20 percent below non-disabled  
18 voters; and,

19 WHEREAS, The National Organization on Disability (NOD) and a San Francisco self-  
20 advocacy group, Consumers in Action for Personal Assistance (CIAPA) are using the 1993  
21 National Voter Registration Act (The Motor Voter Law) to get people with disabilities  
22 registered to vote in time for the November 2000 election; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Motor Voter Law requires disability service providers to offer voter  
24 registration to their clients; and,

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1           WHEREAS, NOD and CIAPA are working to educate and persuade disability service  
2 providers to better serve their clients by offering voter registration; now, therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
4 commends Consumers in Action for Personal Assistance for their efforts to educate and  
5 persuade agencies to better serve the disabled by getting their clients to register to vote so  
6 they can express their latent power and ensure their full and equal participation in all aspects  
7 of life.

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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

**File Number:** 001500

**Date Passed:**

Resolution commending Consumers in Action for Personal Assistance for their efforts to educate and persuade disability service providers to better serve their clients by offering voter registration.

August 28, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED


Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,  
Teng, Yaki, Yee

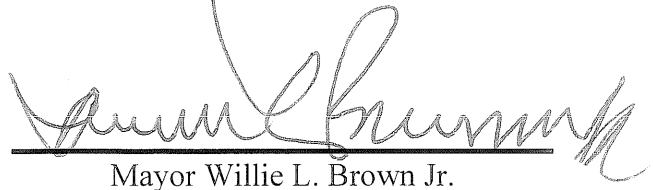
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 28, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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**Date Approved**

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.