

1 [Urging US Senate Opposition To John Ashcroft as Attorney General]
2 RESOLUTION URGING UNITED STATES SENATORS DIANNE FEINSTEIN AND BARBARA
3 BOXER TO OPPOSE CONFIRMATION OF JOHN ASHCROFT AS THE US ATTORNEY
4 GENERAL

5 WHEREAS, The Attorney General for the United States is entrusted
6 with upholding and enforcing federal law and the United States
7 Constitution, and the lives and liberties of San Franciscans and
8 other citizens of the United States greatly depend upon the Attorney
9 General for fair interpretations and strong enforcement of federal
10 law; and,

11 WHEREAS, Women and minority individuals particularly depend upon
12 the Attorney General to insure that their rights are protected by
13 Federal laws which include protections from racial discrimination,
14 protection of reproductive services, protection of public access for
15 people with disabilities, protection of access, care and services for
16 people with AIDS, and to uphold federal laws that protect women and
17 minorities from a wide range of serious inequities; and,

18 WHEREAS, John Ashcroft as a United States Senator has a record
19 of blocking confirmation of a significant number of women and
20 minority nominees to Federal and Executive positions and has voted
21 consistently against anti-discrimination laws, AIDS legislation,
22 environmental protections, affirmative action laws; and,

23 WHEREAS, This record of opposition to Federal protections for
24 women and minorities as well as opposition to women and minority
25 nominees for Federal and Executive positions has established a clear
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1 precedent that indicates Mr. Ashcroft would stand opposed to many of
2 the laws he would be entrusted with upholding as Attorney General,
3 and raises serious doubt that he would be an effective advocate for
4 these laws; and,

5 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, which has a
6 diverse population of ethnic and cultural groups has a particular
7 stake in the effective implementation of Federal Law as it pertains
8 to civil rights; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges United
10 States Senator Dianne Feinstein and United States Senator Barbara
11 Boxer to oppose the confirmation of former Senator John Ashcroft as
12 Attorney General for the United States.

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Resolution urging United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer to oppose confirmation of John Ashcroft as the U.S. Attorney General.

January 16, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom,
Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 1 - Hall

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 16, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Jean Lurn
Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.