Resolution urging all City Commissions to adopt and/or enforce a standard code of conduct which discourages and reprimands City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners from utilizing regularly scheduled public meetings to willfully attack, defame and/or slander fellow colleagues with disrespectful comments that are disparaging of one’s sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability and further urging all City Commissions to adopt and/or enforce policy which discourages and reprimands individuals, who during the public comment portion of regularly scheduled meetings, issue comments that are disparaging of anyone’s sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability; and further urging all City Commissions to proactively discourage, reprimand and remove individuals from public meetings who verbally abuse and physically threaten members of the general public or City officials from attempting to exercise their first amendment.

WHEREAS, Elected City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners have the honored duty to serve the Citizens of San Francisco and to diligently and assiduously defend and promote the interests of the public; and

WHEREAS, It is only inevitable when deliberating on matters which affect the City and its Citizens that disagreements should manifest; however, disagreement on issues should illicit deeper reflection and discussion, open and frank dialogue as well as vigorous and substantive debate of issues; and

Supervisors Ammiano, Leno, McGoldrick, Daly, Hall
WHEREAS, It is unbecoming for City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners to utilize scheduled public meetings and other public forums with the malicious intent of attacking, defaming and slandering fellow colleagues with disrespectful comments that are disparaging of one’s sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability; and

WHEREAS, The public interest and the welfare of its Citizens are also not served when City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners fail to discourage and reprimand individuals who, during the public comment portion of public meetings, issue statements which are disrespectful and disparaging of anyone’s sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability; and

WHEREAS, The public interest and the welfare of its Citizens are also not served when City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners fail to discourage, reprimand and remove individuals from public meetings who verbally abuse and physically threaten members of the general public or City officials from attempting to exercise their first amendment rights; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby strongly urges all City Commissions to adopt and/or enforce a standard code of conduct which discourages and reprimands City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners from utilizing regularly scheduled public meetings to willfully attack, defame and/or slander fellow colleagues with disrespectful comments that are disparaging of one’s sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability; and be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges all
City Commissions to adopt and/or enforce policy which discourages and
reprimands individuals, who during the public comment portion of regularly
scheduled meetings, issue comments that are disparaging of anyone's sexual
orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability; and
be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges all
City Commissions to proactively discourage, reprimand and remove individuals
from public meetings who verbally abuse and physically threaten members of
the general from attempting to exercise their first amendment rights.
Resolution urging all City Commissions and the Board of Supervisors to adopt and/or enforce a standard code of conduct which discourages and reprimands City officials, City Department Directors and City Commissioners from utilizing regularly scheduled public meetings to willfully attack, defame and/or slander fellow colleagues with disrespectful comments that are disparaging of one's sexual orientation, race, ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability and further urging all City Commissions and the Board of Supervisors to adopt and/or enforce policy which discourages and reprimands individuals, who during the public comment portion of regularly scheduled meetings, issue comments that are disparaging of anyone's sexual orientation, race ethnic background, religion, gender, age or physical ability; and further urging all City Commissions and the Board of Supervisors to proactively discourage, reprimand and remove individuals from public meetings who verbally abuse and physically threaten members of the general public or City officials from attempting to exercise their first amendment.

February 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

February 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

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

February 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 1 - Maxwell
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on February 20, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

March 2, 2001

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.

Clerk of the Board

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