

1 [Supporting Creation of Transgender Resource Center]  
2 Resolution supporting the creation of a transgender resource  
3 center by local non-profits who serve the lesbian, gay, bisexual  
4 and transgender communities.

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6 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco is a destination point  
7 for transgender individuals from around the United States who  
8 wish to live and work in a city that is known for its  
9 appreciation of diverse cultures, and the lesbian, gay, bisexual  
10 and transgender (LGBT) communities in particular; and,

11 WHEREAS, While many LGBT service organizations support  
12 provide services that meet general needs of all the LGBT  
13 communities, there are a limited number of transgender  
14 organizations that provide services that are specific to the  
15 needs of the transgender community; and,

16 WHEREAS, Some of these specific needs include peer to peer  
17 support, medical information regarding transitioning,  
18 psychiatric review information for transitioning, information  
19 about HIV medications taken with hormone medications, legal  
20 information, and many other concerns; and,

21 WHEREAS, Most of San Francisco's transgender support  
22 organizations are focused primarily on HIV care, homelessness,  
23 or provide a social or political function, and there is no  
24 center for the distribution of vital information that pertains  
25 to transgender community needs; and,

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1           WHEREAS, San Francisco's transgender community faces some  
2 of the most extreme cases of discrimination and violence  
3 according to the City's Human Rights Commission, and the  
4 community has a great need for informational support regarding  
5 the programs and services that are available to the community;  
6 and,

7           WHEREAS, The idea of a San Francisco Transgender Resource  
8 Center was brought up in a recent work group meeting of the  
9 Transgender Civil Rights Implementation Task Force and has the  
10 strong support of task force members; and,

11           WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might be a drop in  
12 center where community members could drop in to find other  
13 transgender people when they are looking for support; and,

14           WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might also provide a  
15 space for regular peer support meetings that address community  
16 issues such as managing individual transition, strengthening  
17 relationships with family, surviving school and work during  
18 transition, how to change legal documentation after transition,  
19 marriage and relationship matters and many other topics; and,

20           WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might have a staff  
21 person who could provide referral information to individuals who  
22 seek professionals that specialize in transgender medical care,  
23 psychiatric care and transition review, legal referrals, job  
24 training referrals, and other professional referrals; and,

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1           WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might also have  
2 immediately visible hand-out information that community members  
3 can pick up regarding medical, housing, employment,  
4 discrimination, and other important issues that relate to being  
5 transgender; and,

6           WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might also have a  
7 library area where books, videos and other informational  
8 resources could provide extensive information about transgender  
9 concerns and be made easily accessible to members of the  
10 community; and,

11           WHEREAS, A Transgender Resource Center might have a  
12 dedicated phone number where recorded information could notify  
13 members of the community of information that is available to  
14 them at the center; and,

15           WHEREAS, Many community organizations that are dedicated to  
16 serving the LGBT community should participate in making a  
17 Transgender Resource Center a reality, as they are dedicated to  
18 serving the transgender community and could be instrumental in  
19 the creation of a resource center; and,

20           WHEREAS, The Community Center, Lambda Legal Defense, the  
21 Ark of Refuge, Female To Male International, Transgender San  
22 Francisco, the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center, Tom Waddel  
23 Clinic, and the Asian Pacific Island Wellness Center in  
24 particular could play an important role in facilitating the  
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1 development of the Transgender Resource Center; now, therefore  
2 be it,

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
4 County of San Francisco hereby supports the creation of a  
5 transgender resource center by local non-profits who serve the  
6 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

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October 22, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Hall, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 3 - Gonzalez, Leno, McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 22, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

for Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.