[Urging Governor to Sign SB1227]

Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to sign SB1227, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002, which will provide $2.1 billion for housing programs in California through the sale of state bonds.

WHEREAS, The California State Assembly has passed SB1227, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002, by the necessary two-thirds majority to submit to California voters in November 2002 the sale of $2.1 billion of State bonds to fund vital housing programs; and,

WHEREAS, The California Department of Housing and Community Development estimates that over 360,000 Californians are homeless; and,

WHEREAS, The Trust Fund will provide $910 million for the Multifamily Housing Program which funds loans to local governments, non-profit organizations, and for-profit developers to construct, rehabilitate, and preserve permanent and transitional rental housing for low-income households, and will create up to 22,000 permanently affordable homes for rent; and,

WHEREAS, The sale of these bonds will fund grants to counties and non-profit entities through the Emergency Housing Assistance Program to provide emergency shelters for homeless

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individuals and families, giving homeless people a way off the street; and,

WHEREAS, The lack of state sponsored housing for the mentally ill has left thousands of people who are unable to care for their own basic needs without proper care or shelter; and,

WHEREAS, The Trust Fund established by this ballot measure will provide $195 million for supporting housing for persons who have mental illness and are homeless or at imminent risk of becoming homeless; and,

WHEREAS, California ranks 49th among the 50 states in homeownership, with the lowest rates in the nation found here in San Francisco and the Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, This legislation, if approved by the voters, will enable more than 65,000 families to purchase their own home through the CalHome Program and the California Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance Program; and,

WHEREAS, California’s shortage of affordable housing extends beyond major metropolitan areas, leaving tens of thousands of farm workers homeless or with substandard housing; and,

WHEREAS, The Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund will provide $200 million for farm worker housing through grants to local governments and non-profits for construction-related costs in the development of homeowner or rental housing for up to 24,000 agricultural worker families; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge Governor Gray Davis to sign SB1227, the Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2002; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy of this resolution to Governor Davis.

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April 22, 2002  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 2 - Newsom, Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 22, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.