

1 [Bail Schedule]

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3 **Resolution urging the presiding judge of the Municipal Superior Court to convene the**  
4 **Judge's Bail Committee ~~in conjunction with the Superior Court~~ and in consultation with**  
5 **the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Sheriff's Department to**  
6 **assess the bail schedule in order to determine what adjustments are needed to bring**  
7 **San Francisco in line with other Bay Area counties.**

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9 WHEREAS, The bail schedule is set by the judiciary and is used as a guideline for  
10 judges when a defendant first appears in court; and

11 WHEREAS, The bail schedule has not been adjusted since October of 1998 when  
12 Supervisor Jose Medina asked that a review be conducted; and,

13 WHEREAS, The bail schedule, when adjusted in 1998, was still lower than that of San  
14 Mateo County, Alameda County and Contra Costa County; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Board is concerned with the maintenance of a bail schedule that is  
16 comparable to bail schedules in neighboring counties for offenses involving violence and drug  
17 trafficking offenses; and,

18 WHEREAS, Based on San Francisco's lower bail schedules, most suspected drug  
19 crime defendants find it easier to get out of jail while awaiting a trial in the City than in any of  
20 the surrounding Bay Area counties; now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does  
22 hereby urge the presiding judge of the Municipal Superior Court to convene the Judge's Bail  
23 Committee ~~in conjunction with the Superior Court~~ to assess the bail schedule in order to  
24 determine what adjustments are needed to bring San Francisco in line with other Bay Area  
25 counties; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee should convene to examine whether bails  
2 set at the current schedule are securing return of accused defendant's to stand trial; and, be it

3           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee should examine whether bails are  
4 securing return of defendants without new offenses; and, be it

5           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee should examine whether bail schedules  
6 should be modified or other court policies changed to address these issues; and , be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police and Sheriff's Departments are  
8 consulted regarding jail population and overcrowding during this assessment process.

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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 020496

**Date Passed:**

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May 6, 2002 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE  
BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,  
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

May 6, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin,  
Yee

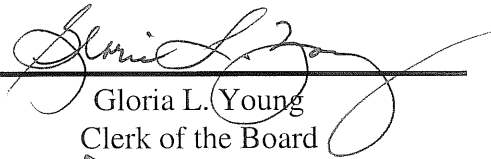
Noes: 2 - Maxwell, Sandoval

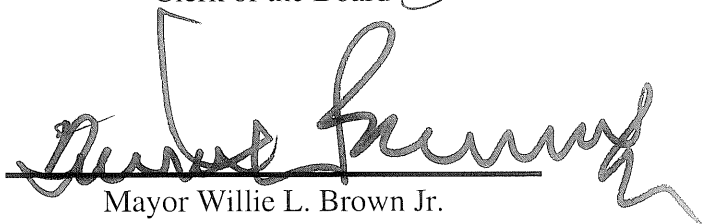
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on May 6, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.