

1 [Senate Bill 1751-Mandatory Homeless Death Count Reporting]

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3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt and Governor Gray Davis to**
4 **sign Senate Bill (SB) 1751 authored by State Senator John Burton, which would**
5 **mandate local municipalities to report the deaths of homeless persons for each**
6 **calendar year, institute the creation of a state homeless death count and providing**
7 **public access to said information.**

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9 WHEREAS, Currently there are very few statewide and local programs providing for
10 the reporting of the death of homeless persons in California; and,

11 WHEREAS, The knowledge of this information is integral in our ability to expand and
12 allocate funds for the creation and preservation of existing services as well in understanding
13 the depth of the issue, and accordingly the necessity to deter future and preventable deaths of
14 homeless persons; and,

15 WHEREAS, It is incumbent that local governments institute homeless death reporting
16 programs to ensure consistency in their allocations and operations of programming and
17 services and as well create a framework to ensure centralized sharing of data and client
18 services information in order to provide efficient and reliable planning, programming and
19 services; and,

20 WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 1751, authored by Senator John Burton, would mandate
21 local municipalities to report the deaths of homeless persons for each calendar year; and,

22 WHEREAS, SB 1751 would establish that the Director of the State Department of
23 Health Services institute and ensure the creation of local reporting programs in municipalities
24 throughout California; and,

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1 WHEREAS, SB 1751 seeks to centralize and integrate local information of homeless
2 death counts and implement a yearly report which would be submitted by the Department to
3 the Legislature, the Governor, and the State Legislative Analyst regarding the death of
4 homeless individuals in the State of California for the previous calendar year; and,

5 WHEREAS, SB 1751 defines a homeless person to which this program would effect,
6 as any person who has a fixed and adequate nighttime residence for fewer than 30
7 consecutive days, including persons who temporarily reside under certain specialized living
8 conditions; and,

9 WHEREAS, SB 1751 would ensure the centralization and efficiency of information
10 regarding the death of homeless persons throughout California in order to serve to expand the
11 state and local government's policies and efforts to assist homeless persons; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
14 does hereby urge the California State Legislature to adopt and Governor Gray Davis to sign
15 Senate Bill 1751, authored by State Senator John Burton, which would mandate local
16 municipalities to report the deaths of homeless persons for each calendar year, institute the
17 creation of a state homeless death count and providing public access to said information; and,
18 be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
20 Francisco supports Senate Bill 1751 and does hereby ask that copies of this legislation be
21 sent to our state representatives and His Honor the Mayor, with instructions that all actions be
22 taken for its successful passage.



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May 13, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 13, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date Approved