

1 [Commending Deputy City Attorney Joanne Sakai.]

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3 **Resolution commending Deputy City Attorney Joanne Sakai for her two and one half**  
4 **years of exemplary public service, specializing in developing and financing affordable**  
5 **housing in San Francisco and playing a key role in protecting the interests of**  
6 **San Francisco and its ratepayers in the PG&E bankruptcy case, and wishing her well in**  
7 **her future endeavors as Deputy Executive Director of the Housing and Community**  
8 **Development Division of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco wishes to  
11 honor Joanne Sakai, who is moving on from her two and one half years of exemplary public  
12 service as a Deputy City Attorney specializing in developing and financing affordable housing in  
13 San Francisco and playing a key role in protecting the interests of San Francisco and its  
14 ratepayers in the PG&E bankruptcy case; and,

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Sakai has devoted her considerable legal talents to advising and  
16 representing the offices and officials of the City and County of San Francisco, including the  
17 Board of Supervisors, and the Mayor's Office of Housing, as well as the Redevelopment Agency;  
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, The City and its residents have benefited from Ms. Sakai's advice and  
20 leadership on a variety of affordable housing, community development, and real estate matters,  
21 including: the Lead Hazard Reduction Program; the Proposition A Affordable Housing Bond  
22 Program; first time home-buyer programs; home ownership rehabilitation programs; affordable  
23 housing preservation programs; and over 70 affordable housing developments involving over  
24 \$92,000,000 in local funds, 2,741 dwelling units and 127 beds in group housing for  
25 San Francisco's low income residents, including, among other projects, the recently completed

1 developments at 165 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 1 Church Street, the housing for homeless families on  
2 Treasure Island, the transitional housing for homeless Native Americans planned by  
3 Friendship House, the rebuilding of the Ambassador Hotel, and the reconstruction of the  
4 International Hotel; and,

5 WHEREAS, As the City's top legal expert on affordable housing, Ms. Sakai played a  
6 leading role in developing and furthering the City's policies and programs for affordable housing,  
7 and has provided legal guidance on a wide range of matters, including preparing legal opinions  
8 and legislation of the City Attorney on a number of significant legal issues; and,

9 WHEREAS, Using her considerable skill and knowledge of bankruptcy law, Ms. Sakai has  
10 also taken a leading role in protecting the interests of San Francisco and its ratepayers in the  
11 PG&E bankruptcy case, and was recently recognized by the County Counsel Association for her  
12 outstanding leadership in this area; and,

13 WHEREAS, Throughout her career at the City Attorney's Office, Ms. Sakai has  
14 demonstrated an ability to get projects done and tackle difficult problems with grace; and,

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Sakai has been a joy for the Board, her other clients and her colleagues  
16 at the City Attorney's Office to work with, both for her responsiveness and proficiency in the work  
17 she produced, and for her always calm and pleasant demeanor, astute counsel, keen intellect,  
18 integrity, leadership, commitment, camaraderie and, most of all, her friendship; and,

19 WHEREAS, Although her friends and colleagues at the City will dearly miss her,  
20 fortunately Ms. Sakai is not going far and will remain in the public sector in San Francisco, since  
21 Ms. Sakai will be joining the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency as Deputy Executive  
22 Director Of The Housing And Community Development Division, leveraging her considerable  
23 skill at developing and financing affordable housing and revitalizing blighted areas; now,  
24 therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 hereby commends Deputy City Attorney Joanne Sakai for her two and one half years of  
3 exemplary public service, specializing in developing and financing affordable housing and  
4 protecting the interests of San Francisco and its ratepayers in the PG&E bankruptcy case; and,  
5 be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors wishes her well in her future  
7 endeavors.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

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June 24, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, Yee

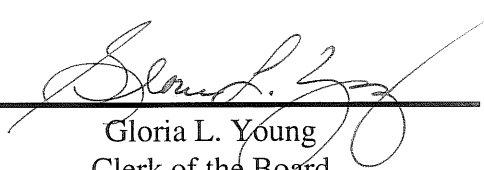
Absent: 5 - Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval

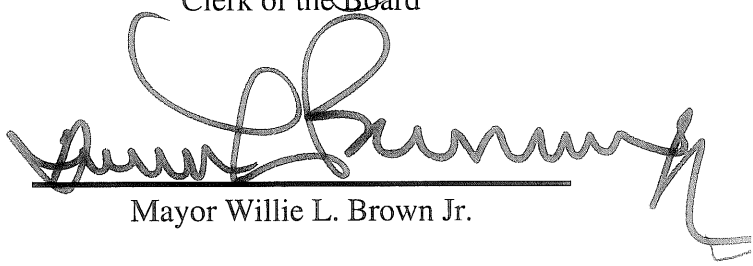
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 24, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

JUN 28 2002

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Date Approved

  
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.