

1 [Urging San Francisco Housing Authority.]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco Housing Authority to comply with Sec 504 of the**
4 **Rehabilitation Act, the Fair Housing Act amendment of 1988, and the Title II of the**
5 **Americans with Disabilities Act, 24 CFR 115[d] and the HUD Budget Authorization Act**
6 **by adopting and implementing a policy to provide an effective tenant education**
7 **program on asthma control and prevention and allows tenants with asthma to request**
8 **smooth surface flooring as a reasonable accommodation or modification.**

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10 WHEREAS, Asthma Relief for Kids-(a project of Parent Voices), the American Lung
11 Association of San Francisco & San Mateo Counties and the Children’s Health Environmental
12 Promotion Program of San Francisco Department of Public Health have come together to
13 respond to the growing epidemic of asthma; and,

14 WHEREAS, Asthma, that is not well-controlled, affects quality of life; hinders ability to
15 fully participate in school and work; strains financial resources; and causes other undue
16 burdens - impacting our families, neighborhoods, and city; and,

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18 WHEREAS, San Francisco has one of the highest asthma hospitalization rates for
19 children and adults in California – a tragedy since the majority of asthma hospitalizations are
20 preventable; and,

21 WHEREAS, The rate of asthma hospitalizations for 13 out of 21 zip code areas in San
22 Francisco exceed the Health People 2000 objective - the highest hospitalization rates are in
23 Bayview Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, Western Addition, South of Market, China Basin
24 and the Tenderloin; and,

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1 WHEREAS, One of the most important ways to control asthma and to prevent asthma
2 symptoms and attacks is to reduce exposure to allergens and irritants in the environment that
3 trigger asthma; and,

4 WHEREAS, Some of the most problematic asthma triggers are found in the home
5 environment, especially in carpet, which can be a reservoir for dust mites, cockroach
6 allergens, animal allergens, molds and other health hazards; and,

7 WHEREAS, Experts recommend that individuals and families with asthma avoid
8 carpets if possible, where neither vacuuming nor the use of anti-mite shampoo is effective in
9 removing mites or molds (and can even exacerbate asthma; and,

10 WHEREAS, Hard or smooth surface floors are highly recommended by experts to
11 reduce the build up of dust mites, molds and other allergens, and are more easily cleaned,
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, Families with asthma in public housing often are not given sufficient
14 information and resources to create healthier environments, so it is imperative that they know
15 their right to request reasonable accommodation or modification, such as hard or smooth
16 surface floors, and be educated about how to maintain a healthy home environment; and

17 WHEREAS, Families with asthma who live in public housing have limited financial
18 resources and often become victims of a shortage of affordable healthy housing, which is a
19 major public health concern; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the San Francisco
21 Housing Authority to comply with Sec 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Fair Housing Act
22 amendment of 1988, and the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 24 CFR 115[d] and
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1 the HUD Budget Authorization Act by adopting and implementing a policy that allows tenants
2 with asthma to request smooth surface flooring as a reasonable accommodation or
3 modification; and be it,

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5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the San
6 Francisco Housing Authority to proactively inform tenants about the aforementioned policy –
7 and to specify that tenants with asthma have the right to request smooth surface flooring as a
8 reasonable accommodation or reasonable modification; and be it,

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the San
10 Francisco Housing Authority to partner with the San Francisco Department of Public Health,
11 tenants, and community organizations: to make educational materials available to tenants on
12 asthma, carpets as a potential reservoir for asthma triggers, benefits of smooth surface
13 flooring, and how best to maintain carpets; and to provide presentations to tenants on asthma
14 and maintaining a healthy home environment; and be it,

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the San
16 Francisco Housing Authority to carryout this resolution by developing and implementing a
17 plan, through an inclusive public planning process, which includes goals, actions to be taken,
18 a time table, and identification of responsible staff persons. San Francisco Housing Authority
19 is also urged to submit an annual report to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on the
20 development and implementation of the plan over the next three years.
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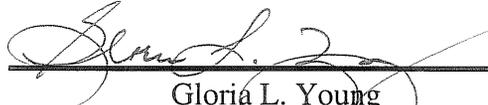
June 24, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

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

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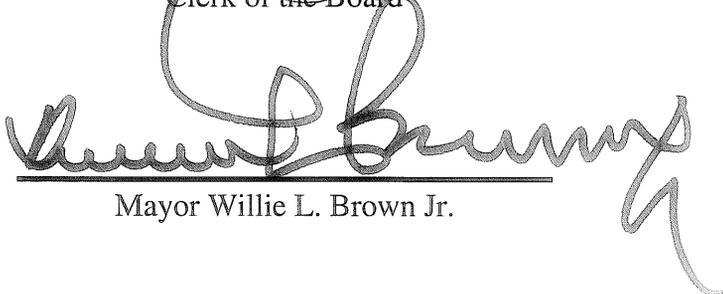
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 24, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.