[Urging San Francisco Housing Authority.]

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The rate of asthma hospitalizations for 13 out of 21 zip code areas in San Francisco exceed the Health People 2000 objective - the highest hospitalization rates are in Bayview Hunters Point, Visitacion Valley, Western Addition, South of Market, China Basin and the Tenderloin; and,
WHEREAS, One of the most important ways to control asthma and to prevent asthma symptoms and attacks is to reduce exposure to allergens and irritants in the environment that trigger asthma; and,

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the San Francisco Housing Authority to comply with Sec 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Fair Housing Act amendment of 1988, and the Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 24 CFR 115[d] and **"Supervisor Maxwell"**

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the HUD Budget Authorization Act by adopting and implementing a policy that allows tenants
with asthma to request smooth surface flooring as a reasonable accommodation or
modification; and be it,

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

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

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

**Supervisor Maxwell**
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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
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

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.