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[Opposing S2633 and HR3782]

**Resolution urging the U.S. Senate to oppose the RAVE Act, S2633 (Reducing America’s Vulnerability to Ecstasy Act) and urging the House of Representatives to oppose HR3782 sponsored by Congressman Doug Ose (D-CA).**

WHEREAS, Both the RAVE Act S2633 and HR3782 give federal prosecutors new powers to shut down community events and punish business owners for hosting and promoting them; and

WHEREAS, These proposed laws would potentially subject innocent business-owners to enormous fines and imprisonment if customers sold or used drugs on premises or at their events—even if they were not involved in the offenses in any way; and

WHEREAS, This bill will force electronic dance and other events further underground away from public health and safety regulations and discourage business owners from enacting harm-reduction measures such as providing pill-testing and other services at parties and musical events in fear of self-incrimination; and

WHEREAS, Also under HR3782, entertainment promoters may have their property seized, without trial, if they produce an event where they know “or reasonably should know” that a controlled substance will be used; and

WHEREAS, Substance abuse is a societal problem that knows no boundaries and this proposed law could be used to prosecute the promoters of any well-attended entertainment event from sports games to high-school dances; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition, both proposed laws can be applied to any event where  
2 the organizers might expect there to be drug use which includes musical and artistic  
3 festivals and political demonstrations for the legalization of medical marijuana; and

4           WHEREAS, Under both the RAVE Act and HR3782, federal authorities could  
5 shut down and prosecute those involved in artistic events and rallies organized around  
6 political issues without a trial; and

7           WHEREAS, These proposed laws have the potential to severely compromise  
8 freedom of expression, freedom of speech, rights of public assembly and constitutional  
9 property law; now therefore, be it,

10           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
11 Francisco urges the United States Senate to oppose the RAVE Act, S2633 (Reducing  
12 Americans' Vulnerability to Ecstasy) sponsored by Senators Durbin (D-IL), Hatch (R-  
13 UT), Grassley (R-IA) and Leahy (D-VT); and, be it,

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of  
15 San Francisco urges the House of Representatives to oppose HR-3782 sponsored by  
16 Congressman Doug Ose (R-CA); and, be it,

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send  
18 copies of this resolution to US Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein,  
19 Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and Congressman Tom Lantos.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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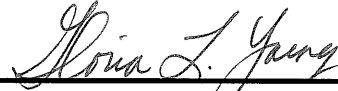
Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,  
Peskin, Yee

Noes: 1 - Hall

Absent: 1 - Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 5, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

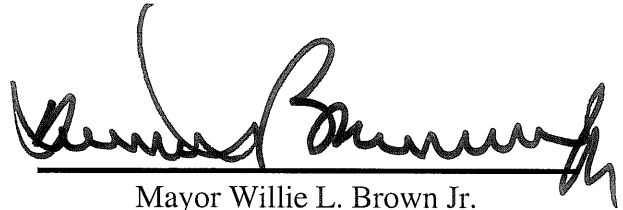


Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.