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4 **San Francisco day labor population and for their tremendously successful**  
5 **administration, management and operation of the San Francisco day labor program.**  
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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco established the San Francisco Day  
8 Labor Program in 1990 to provide benefits for day laborers, contractors, and local residents  
9 including worker office and meeting space, bilingual staff to inform laborers of their rights and  
10 responsibilities, facilitation of job development, free English classes, medical and legal clinics,  
11 social service referrals, skills training, a registration system for laborers to find work, and city-  
12 sponsorship ensuring cooperation by local police departments; and

13 WHEREAS, The Day Labor Program was founded in 1991 to preserve and expand the  
14 economic and human rights of all workers regardless of their position in the labor market or  
15 their immigration status; and,

16 WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal has managed and operated the San Francisco Day  
17 Labor Program since the Spring of 2000; and,

18 WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal's Day Labor Program is nationally recognized as  
19 one of the most successful day labor program models emulated by cities throughout our  
20 nation; and,

21 WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal's model of combined services and community  
22 empowerment has facilitated day laborer leadership; and,

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco's day laborers now play a leadership role and make their  
24 voices in heard in our community and at a national level through the National Day Laborer  
25 Network; and,

1           WHEREAS, Since adopting the Day Labor Program, La Raza Centro Legal has been  
2 able to fulfill all of the expectations outlined in the original resolution for a Day Labor Program  
3 and moreover, has strengthened the program; and,

4           WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal has been able to provide the program with a  
5 strengthened infrastructure, enhanced record-keeping and reporting capabilities, enhanced  
6 job development and outreach for day laborers to increase their employment opportunities,  
7 increased services for day laborers, increased staffing, leveraged funding from private  
8 sources, and leadership development for day laborers; and,

9           WHEREAS, Under La Raza Centro Legal's leadership, day laborers in San Francisco  
10 have increased access to employment, medical clinics, legal services, mental health  
11 counseling, HIV/STD testing, substance abuse counseling, job-skills training, and  
12 occupational safety training; and,

13           WHEREAS, Under La Raza Centro Legal's management the Day Labor Program has  
14 made phenomenal accomplishments in the past two years including: (1) the establishment of  
15 a \$10 minimum wage for day laborers, (2) the establishment of a day labor worker-led union,  
16 and (3) the obtainment of a new site located on Cesar Chavez Street for the Day Labor  
17 Program; and,

18           WHEREAS, In this past fiscal year alone, La Raza Centro Legal has far exceeded all  
19 employment goals established by the City for the San Francisco Day Labor Program including  
20 (1) the placement of over 1400 jobs for day laborers, (2) the referral of over 1200 workers to  
21 medical services, (3) the referral of over 400 workers to shelter and clothing, and (4) outreach  
22 to over 1500 workers throughout the course of the year; and,

23           WHEREAS, In this past fiscal year, La Raza Centro Legal has increased the self-  
24 sufficiency of day laborers by coordinating education classes, training, leadership  
25 development, and empowerment strategies for hundreds of day laborers; and,

1           WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal has incorporated a Women's Collective to the Day  
2 Labor Program for the first time ever in the program's history; and,

3           WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal's mission is to build community power in  
4 disenfranchised communities, including the day laborer community, from the bottom up; and,

5           WHEREAS, La Raza Centro Legal as part of its mission has promoted day laborer  
6 leadership, self-determination, and self-sufficiency; and,

7           WHEREAS, Because of La Raza Centro Legal's commitment to day laborers in our  
8 community, the City and County of San Francisco is recognized as a national leader in day  
9 laborer services and immigrant-worker empowerment; now, therefore, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends La Raza Centro  
11 Legal for its outstanding commitment to San Francisco's day laborer population and for its  
12 tremendously successful administration and management of the nationally recognized San  
13 Francisco Day Labor Program.



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August 5, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Yee
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
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Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: August 16, 2002

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Gloria L. Young
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