

1 [Supporting amendment of Anti-SLAPP law.]

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3 **Resolution urging the California Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign SB 1651,**
4 **the amendment to change Section 426.16 of the Anti-SLAPP law to prevent rogue**
5 **corporations from using this law to obstruct lawsuits filed by concerned citizens.**

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7 WHEREAS, The purpose of the California Anti-SLAPP law is to protect people from
8 “nuisance lawsuits” that threaten their right to participate in civic and governmental affairs; and

9 WHEREAS, Some corporations are misusing the Anti-SLAPP law to avert legitimate
10 lawsuits targeting corporate crime, arbitrarily claiming that these lawsuits are in violation of
11 their constitutional rights; and,

12 WHEREAS, The current Anti-SLAPP legislation allows for corporations to utilize it as a
13 loophole for evading responsibility for wrongdoing, which therefore promotes and perpetuates
14 corporate abuse and misconduct; and,

15 WHEREAS, A proposed amendment to the California Anti-SLAPP law, SB 1651,
16 sponsored by Senator Kuehl, will prevent corporations from using this law as a loophole in the
17 future by specifying that the Anti-SLAPP law is for the purpose of protecting non-commercial
18 speech and activity; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 urges the California Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign SB 1651, the amendment to
21 change Section 426.16 of the Anti-SLAPP law; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of this
23 resolution to San Francisco’s legislative delegation, to the office of Senator Kuehl, and to the
24 Governor of California.

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August 12, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 12, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Gloria L. Young
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