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[Support Assembly Bill 117]

Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 117, the Community Choice Bill.

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117-- the Community Choice Bill – which authorizes California municipalities to purchase electricity and electricity services on behalf of their communities from alternative providers, was passed by the California Assembly and Senate on August 29, 2002, and enrolled and sent to Governor Davis on September 13, 2002 for his signature or veto by September 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of a Community Choice bill, Resolution Number 775-99 on August 27, 1999, followed by the sponsorship of such legislation by Assemblywoman Carole Migden in 2001 as Assembly Bill 48x and Assembly Bill 9xx, which was approved by the Assembly and Senate but vetoed by Governor Davis in 2001; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco residents and businesses continue to be burdened by high electricity rates and rate increases; and

WHEREAS Pacific Gas and Electric remains in bankruptcy, which with the accounting and market manipulation scandals of Enron and other major energy companies has rendered the future of San Francisco's electricity supply even more volatile and uncertain; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the City and County of San Francisco to protect the welfare of its residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 would create the opportunity for the City and County of San Francisco to seek alternative power providers, lower, more stable electricity prices, and enhanced energy security for its communities; and

1 WHEREAS, electricity generation is among the largest causes of environmental
2 pollution and related public health problems such as childhood asthma, climate change and
3 nuclear proliferation; and

4 WHEREAS It is the responsibility of the City and County of San Francisco to answer
5 voter approval of Propositions B and H in 2001 as a mandate to clean up the community's
6 electricity supply and establish its energy independence; and

7 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 would enable the City and County of San Francisco to
8 pursue greater energy independence for its community through the purchase and
9 development of renewable energy resources and the administration of local energy efficiency
10 and conservation programs; and

11 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 would provide the City and County of San Francisco with
12 the authority to pursue the policies outlined in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's
13 Energy Plan of August, 2002; and

14 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 is supported by a large and diverse coalition, including
15 the League of Women Voters of California, California Public Interest Research Group, The
16 Utility Reform Network, Public Citizen, Greenpeace, and dozens of California local
17 governments including Marin County, Oakland, and Berkeley, as well as the California League
18 of Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and others, and is not opposed by
19 Pacific Gas and Electric; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 supports Assembly Bill 117, and urges Governor Davis to sign the Community Choice bill into
22 law.



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September 23, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Newsom

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 23, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: October 3, 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.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]
Clerk of the Board

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