Resolution commending Starting Points for the completion of its San Francisco Citywide Strategic Plan for Supporting Families and its recent formation of a Family Support Council.

WHEREAS, The Starting Points Initiative ("SPI") was established by the Carnegie Corporation in 1996 as one of fourteen national starting points projects to improve services for young children; and,

WHEREAS, SPI is a unique public-private partnership that brings together those working on behalf of young children in San Francisco to create a strong and cohesive policy and advocacy agenda for children and families; and,

WHEREAS, SPI is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of San Francisco’s young children and their families by improving the quality, availability and accessibility of early childhood and family support services; and,

WHEREAS, SPI engages in a wide array of services to support the local advocacy, government and early childhood provider communities in making informed, collaborative and strategic decisions on behalf of children and their families; and,

WHEREAS, Committed to collaboration, the Starting Points Initiative has been actively involved in a range of planning efforts throughout the City and builds upon strong partnerships with local government, children and family service providers, private and public funders, parents and community-based organizations; and,

WHEREAS, The Starting Points Initiative received funds in 2002 to develop a citywide Family Support Strategic Plan (FSSP) for San Francisco. SPI developed a citywide plan of...
action for family support; secured funding for the planning process; created a cohesive family
support group with consensus on definition, mission and vision; and

WHEREAS, In June 2002, the SPI convened the Family Support Strategic Planning
Committee to be responsible for the oversight and development of the plan. This committee
includes 19 members who represent family support stakeholders and decision-makers of the
city's social service agencies; and,

WHEREAS, SPI conducted a broad outreach campaign to recruit a diverse cross-
section of individuals to be involved in the family support strategic planning process; and,

WHEREAS, SPI convened working groups, launched in December 2002, for input on
the FSSP. Three simultaneous working groups met biweekly from January to May 2003, and
were organized by focus area, including service delivery and linkages, capacity building and
sustainability and awareness, engagement and policy advocacy; and,

WHEREAS, The SPI employed a team of students from the Urban Studies Department
at San Francisco State University to work on a citywide budget analysis. The team identified
public and private funding streams allocated for children and families, detected emerging
trends in funding, and identified potential revenue streams. This information was used to set
up guidelines for prioritizing outcomes and strategies proposed in the plan, understand the
feasibility of funding strategies proposed, and leverage diverse funding streams to implement
the plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
does hereby commend Starting Points for the completion of its San Francisco Citywide
Resolution commending Starting Points for the completion of its San Francisco Citywide Strategic Plan for Supporting Families and its recent formation of a Family Support Council.

September 30, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 9 - Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Ma

File No. 031614
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 30, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.