

1 [Opposing elimination of state guarantees for low-income immigrant access to health and  
2 social services.]

3 **Resolution opposing Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to eliminate state**  
4 **guarantees which ensure that low-income immigrants have access to health and social**  
5 **services.**

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7 WHEREAS, More than a quarter of California's population were born abroad and more  
8 than half of California's low-wage working families are immigrant families; and

9 WHEREAS, Almost 40 percent of San Francisco's population immigrated from abroad;  
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11 WHEREAS, California's and San Francisco's economies depend heavily on hard  
12 working immigrants, who contribute enormously to the wealth and culture of our communities,  
13 and who are integral to our future; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Academy of Sciences has concluded that the average  
15 immigrant contributes \$1,800 more each year in taxes than he or she costs the government;  
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17 WHEREAS, The State of California established, with bipartisan support, programs to  
18 ensure that low-income immigrants will have access to basic health and social services; and

19 WHEREAS, The health and social services programs created by the State of California  
20 include the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP), Cash Assistance Program for  
21 Immigrants (CAPI), Healthy Families for immigrants, and CalWORKs services for immigrants;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger in his proposed 2004-05  
24 state budget would eliminate these programs and replace them with a single block grant to  
25 counties; and

1           WHEREAS, The block grant will create hardships for local governments by creating  
2 new administrative responsibilities and shifting the costs of providing such health and social  
3 services to the counties without guaranteeing sufficient funding to meet the needs of  
4 immigrant families; and

5           WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger has further proposed freezing enrollment into  
6 CFAP, CAPI, Healthy Families, CalWORKs for immigrants, and Medi-Cal non-emergency  
7 services for immigrants who are ineligible for federal Medicaid, so that tens of thousands of  
8 immigrants will be denied these critical services in the next two years; and

9           WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to freeze enrollment into these  
10 critical programs will deny thousands of San Francisco residents the means to secure  
11 adequate housing, food, and health care; and

12           WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts will deny preventive care, prenatal care, breast  
13 and cervical cancer treatment and long-term care services for thousands of children, pregnant  
14 women, families, seniors and persons with disabilities; and

15           WHEREAS, The proposed budget cuts will increase hunger, homelessness, and public  
16 health risks in San Francisco and across the state; and

17           WHEREAS, Studies confirm that every dollar invested in prenatal care saves three  
18 dollars in care soon after birth and at least four dollars in longer-term medical costs, and that  
19 access to preventive care for children with common health conditions avoids more costly  
20 hospitalizations; and

21           WHEREAS, The proposed cuts will cost local governments millions of dollars due to  
22 increased use of emergency care services and other county health and social services;

23           WHEREAS, Many of the programs targeted by Governor Schwarzenegger have  
24 allowed immigrants to become more economically self-sufficient and to contribute to their local  
25 communities; therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco strongly opposes Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to cut funding to or to eliminate state programs that provide basic health and social services to low-income immigrants; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to direct the City and County's lobbyist to actively oppose these anti-immigrant budget cuts and to work with community advocates to ensure that these cuts do not take effect.



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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution opposing Governor Schwarzenegger's proposals to eliminate state guarantees which ensure that low-income immigrants have access to health and social services.

March 9, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED


Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,  
Sandoval  
Absent: 1 - Hall  
Excused: 2 - Ammiano, Dufty

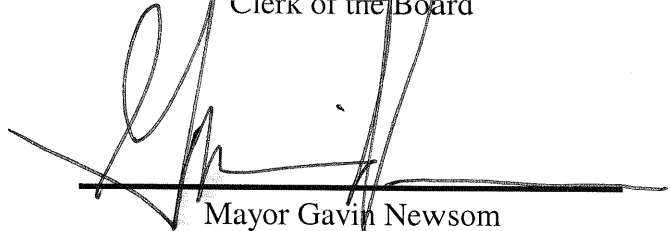
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 9, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom