[Urging US Senate and US Congressional Opposition to Proposed Changes to Section 8 Housing Policy]

Resolution urging United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and United States Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to oppose changes to Federal Section 8 Housing Policy.

WHEREAS, Section 8 Housing Policy has been a cornerstone of federal housing policy for thirty years and currently provides rent vouchers to nearly 2 million families, disabled people and the elderly; and,

WHEREAS, Section 8 Housing Policy allows participants to live in decent, safe, and sanitary housing that they would otherwise be unable to afford; and,

WHEREAS, Three quarters of the families awarded rent vouchers via the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program are extremely poor; and,

WHEREAS, Section 8 Housing Policy has been a popular and successful program because of the speed with which assistance is provided, the choice it allows families with regard to housing, the manner in which is disperses families across communities, and the manner in which it prevents the formation of concentrated low-income housing developments; and,

WHEREAS, Proposed changes to Section 8 Housing Policy would eliminate provisions requiring families to pay no more than two-fifths of their rent and requiring that three-quarters of the vouchers go to extremely poor families, allowing funds to be directed away from those who need it most; and,

WHEREAS, Proposed changes to Section 8 Housing Policy would remove the government's guarantee of a specified number of rent vouchers with a specific sum thereby allowing for decreases in funding; and,

**Supervisor Maxwell**

Peskin, Daly

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to providing affordable, safe, decent housing to the elderly, disabled, and poor families; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator Babara Boxer, and United States Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to oppose the proposed changes to Section 8 Housing Policy.
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April 20, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
  Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 20, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom