Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to closely examine radio station KNEW 910 AM’s license renewal application in light of a public petition from Media Alliance, the Youth Media Council and Accion Latina to deny KNEW’s application for breach of “the public interest”.

WHEREAS, The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has a mandate to ensure that broadcasting using the public airwaves is conducted “in the public interest”; and

WHEREAS, the FCC is currently in the midst of the once-every-eight years process of reviewing California Radio Stations’ applications for license renewal based on their fulfillment of the FCC’s public interest mandate; and

WHEREAS, “Localism” is a key criterion for the FCC’s evaluation of whether broadcasters have served the public interest; and

WHEREAS, KNEW 910 AM, whose business offices reside at 340 Townsend in San Francisco, is licensed by the FCC to use the publicly-owned frequency 910 AM in accordance with this mandate; and

WHEREAS, KNEW 910 AM is a Clear Channel-owned and affiliated station that broadcasts locally with a majority of nationally syndicated programming; and

WHEREAS, The San Antonio-based Clear Channel Corporation is a controversial multi-national corporation known for pro war, anti-peace, monopolistic, anti-union practices, including sponsoring pro-war rallies and censoring music promoting peace, and

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WHEREAS, in August, Media Alliance, a Bay Area media watch group conducted a study monitoring for three weeks two KNEW 910 AM hosts – Michael Savage and Jeff Katz; and

WHEREAS, The Media Alliance study found KNEW 910 AM hosts regularly incite violence against communities of color, immigrant communities, Muslims, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community in gross violation of the FCC public interest mandate; and

WHEREAS, Radio show host Bill O’Reilly’s radio show, “The Radio Factor” is a nationally, syndicated, Clear Channel-distributed show broadcast on KNEW 910 AM; and

WHEREAS, On November 8th, radio host Bill O’Reilly used radio show “The Radio Factor” to condone violence against San Francisco residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Numerous Bay Area organizations, including Media Alliance, Accion Latina and the Youth Media Council, recently filed a formal Petition to Deny the license renewal of KNEW 910 AM with documentation illustrating a pattern of violations of the public interest, including frequent incitement to violence by hosts and a lack of significant local programming; and,

WHEREAS, The House and Senate Commerce Committees have oversight of the FCC; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the FCC to closely examine KNEW 910 AM’s license renewal application, as well as the numerous Petitions to Deny the station’s license based on documented violations of the public interest filed by the above mentioned organizations and other organization with appropriate standing; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges our local Congressional Representatives, especially Senator Barbara Boxer who sits on the Senate
Commerce Committee and Representative Nancy Pelosi, to ensure that the FCC takes such action.
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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 22, 2005 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