

1 [Foundation Support for Communities of Color]

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3 **Resolution urging independent and community foundations to effectively support**  
4 **communities of color and foster leadership development in minority-led organizations.**

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6 WHEREAS, Minority ethnic groups compose nearly a third of the entire population of  
7 the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Recent studies by the Greenlining Institute and Applied Research Center  
9 on the top fifty independent and community foundations in 2002 revealed that independent  
10 foundations awarded only 3 percent of grant dollars and 4.3 percent of grants to minority-led  
11 organizations, and community foundations awarded only 3 percent of grant dollars and 2  
12 percent of grants to minority-led organizations; and,

13 WHEREAS, African-Americans received 1.6 percent of total grant-making, Latinos  
14 received 1.2 percent, Asian/Pacific Islanders received 0.5 percent, Native Americans received  
15 0.5 percent; and general ethnic and other racial minority groups received only 4.1 percent of  
16 total grant dollars; and

17 WHEREAS, In total, only 8 percent of grants from the nation's largest foundations  
18 directly reached, benefited, or otherwise served ethnic and racial minorities in 2003; and,

19 WHEREAS, Minority-led nonprofit organizations empower communities by ensuring  
20 that those who speak for the community are also from the community they represent; and,

21 WHEREAS, Minority-led nonprofit organizations are vital to ensuring that specific  
22 minority interests and concerns are addressed within the public sphere and provide a training  
23 ground for minority involvement in public policy and governance decisions; and,

24 WHEREAS, Foundations' tax exemptions are funded by tax payers, the majority whom  
25 are people of color; and,

1           WHEREAS, In San Francisco, minorities comprise close to half of the population with  
2 Whites at 52.6%, 33.2% Asian, 14% Latino, 6.5% Black or African American, and 0.8%  
3 American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and Other Pacific Islander, and  
4 approximately 3.8% identifying themselves as some other race and 3% as two or more races  
5 combined, according to the U.S. Bureau's 2004 American Community Survey; and,

6           WHEREAS, Ethnic groups will represent two-thirds of California's population by 2025;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges independent  
9 and community foundations to effectively support communities of color and foster leadership  
10 development in minority-led organizations.

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June 13, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin

Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Ma

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 13, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

6.22.06

Date Approved

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom