Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the recommendations contained in the 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “Preparing for a Disaster: Administrative Commitment and Appropriate Funding in the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Public Health”.

WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code Section 933 et seq., the Board of Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and,

WHEREAS, In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), if a finding or recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over which it has some decision making authority; and,

WHEREAS, The 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “Preparing for a Disaster: Administrative Commitment and Appropriate Funding in the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Public Health” is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 071337, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 1-1 of the subject Civil Grand Jury Report states: “The Civil Grand Jury calls on the elected and appointed officials to protect the citizens of San Francisco with a renewed and sustained commitment to emergency and disaster planning and
preparedness by empowering those responsible with the authority to carry out their duties and
by assuring ongoing appropriate funding”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-A2 states: “The Department of Emergency
Management should develop and submit to the Mayor for FY09 a clearly defined program-
staffing plan necessary to complete its disaster planning, coordination and preparedness
duties in a professional manner, consistent with the highest standards of disaster response”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-A3 states: “The Mayor should submit a budget to
the Board of Supervisors for FY09 that supports the Department of Emergency Management’s
clearly defined program-staffing plan and the Board should approve it”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-A8 states: “Consistent with Mayor’s May 10, 2006
Directive, the Mayor should propose and the Board of Supervisors should approve for FY09
requests of departments with major defined disaster roles to make its Disaster Preparedness
Coordinator a full time dedicated staff position”; and,

to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Emergency Management
should include an update on the state of short and long range planning, including time
revisions of Strategic and Operational Plans”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. II-E4 states: “The Department of Emergency
Management, General Services Agency, Department of Public Health and the Fire
Department should submit to the Mayor clearly defined funding requests necessary for
community planning resource requirements. The Mayor should approve the requests and
forward them to the Board of Supervisors for approval by FY09”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. III-2 states: “The Mayor should direct the
Department of Emergency Management to develop a plan for permanent ongoing local
funding for staffing, maintenance and storage of equipment and sustaining programs obtained under federal Homeland Security grants. The Board of Supervisors should approve funding to maintain and sustain the program and/or equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. III-3 states: “The Mayor should require each department’s annual budget to include a line item request for disaster preparedness related resources, which should be prepared and approved consistent with documented programmatic need. The Board of Supervisors should approve these funding requests”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. III-8 states: “The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should fully fund and staff the Department of Emergency Management and the General Services Agency to enable them to coordinate maintenance and security of all disaster equipment across departmental lines by FY09”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-B3 states: “Beginning in fiscal year 2008, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should annually appropriate funding to equip DOCs with disaster response equipment, including fixed generator power. This funding should also provide for maintenance and replacement”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-B6 states: “Until fixed generators are in place, departments with a major defined disaster response role should budget for, and the relevant Commissions, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve back-up portable generators, capable of supporting multiple computer and communication devices, and dedicated to the Departmental Operations Command Center”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-Ci1 states: “The Mayor should direct the departments to budget for training funds and offer group training to all employees who request it or would be best served by it. The Board of Supervisors should approve funding for appropriate training by FY09”; and,
WHEREAS, Recommendation No. IV-D8 states: "Beginning with its 2007 Annual Report, the Department of Emergency Management should report on gaps in emergency response capabilities identified in exercises and drills, and recommended corrective actions"; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-C6 states: "The Department of Public Health should budget for and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve a new full time manager position of Disaster Preparedness Coordinator assigned to the Emergency Medical Services Agency by FY09"; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Di2 states: "The Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary to support maintenance of the field care clinics and other disaster preparedness equipment by FY09"; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Di4 states: "The Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions as requested by the Emergency Medical Services Agency to support this function by FY09"; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Dii1 states: "The Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary to complete the development and operational phase of the Electronic Patient Tracking Pilot Project and implement the System by FY08"; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Dii3 states: "After the Patient Tracking Program is operational, the Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the Department of Health as necessary to ensure the continued operation of the Electronic Patient Tracking System by FY09"; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Dii4 states: "The Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve, the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the Department of Health as necessary to support the implementation of the Electronic Patient Tracking System by FY08"; and,
Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary for ongoing technical support and program training on the Electronic Patient Tracking System by FY09; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-Diii1 states: “The Department of Public Health should budget for, and the Public Health Commission, the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should approve the clearly defined program-staffing positions requested by the Emergency Medical Services Agency as necessary to maintain and test communications equipment and conduct training on communications systems”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. V-E1 states: “The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors should recognize that the Department of Public Health Headquarters located at 101 Grove Street is critical to the command and control of continued medical services to the community in the case of a disaster. They should acknowledge that the retrofitting approved by the voters in 1990 was not completed, and create and implement bond or other funding methods to carry out retrofit projects”; and,

WHEREAS, Recommendation No. VI-E1 states: “The Mayor should recommend and the Board of Supervisors should approve the funding for a helipad on San Francisco General Hospital”; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), the Board of Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the Recommendation Nos. I-1, II-A2, II-A3, II-A8, II-B2, II-E4, III-2, III-3, III-8, IV-B3, IV-B6, IV-Ci1, IV-D8, V-C6, V-Di2, V-Di4, V-Dii1, V-Dii3, V-Diii1, V-E1 and VI-E1 contained in the subject Civil Grand Jury Report; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court that it agrees with Recommendation Nos. I-1, II-A2, II-B2, IV-D8, and V-E1 of
the 2006-2007 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Preparing for a Disaster: Administrative Commitment and Appropriate Funding in the Department of Emergency Management and the Department of Public Health"; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that it agrees with Recommendation Nos. II-A3, II-A8, II-E4, III-2, III-3, III-8, IV-B3, IV-B6, IV-Ci1, V-C6, V-Di2, V-Di4, V-Dii1, V-Dii3, and V-Diii1 subject to financial constraints, Budget Analyst review, and budget priorities determined during the annual budget process; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that it partially agrees with Recommendation No. VI-E1, as follows:

- A helipad on San Francisco General Hospital should be provided with full and expeditious consideration, including through the land use planning process; and,

be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the implementation of accepted recommendations through his/her department heads and through the development of the annual budget; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City departments responsible for recommendations not necessitating a response from the Board of Supervisors to provide a status report to the Board of Supervisors on implementation of said recommendations within six months of the passage of this resolution.

Supervisor Elsbernd
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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October 2, 2007  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Chu, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

File No. 071337

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on October 2, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Signature]
Angela Calvillo
Clark of the Board

[Signature]
Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date Approved
10.03.07