Resolution approving San Francisco's Child and Family Services Review - System Improvement Plan, a strategic plan that: 1) outlines how San Francisco will improve prioritized outcomes for children, youth, and families; 2) serves as the operational agreement between the county and state; and 3) includes plans for utilizing Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment; Community Based Child Abuse Prevention; and Promoting Safe and Stable Families revenues to prevent child maltreatment.

WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to protecting children from abuse and neglect, supports a range of child abuse prevention and intervention services to prevent and mitigate child maltreatment, and recognizes the need for continued collaboration and integration among agencies and programs providing these services; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division, oversees the California Outcomes and Accountability System (COAS), formerly known as the California Children and Family Services Review (C-CFSR), to monitor and assess the quality of services provided on behalf of maltreated children; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention makes available State revenue under the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment program; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Child Abuse Prevention allocates federal revenue under the Child Abuse Prevention Intervention and Treatment, Community Based Child Abuse Prevention, and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs; and
WHEREAS, the San Francisco Human Services Agency administers the funding from the Child Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Treatment, Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention and Promoting Safe and Stable Families programs to provide local services; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors designated the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Council as the local child abuse prevention council as described by Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 18982, and participation of the Child Abuse Council is integral to the development of the System Improvement Plan; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco faces key challenges relating to recurrence of maltreatment, reducing reentries of children into foster care, and the timely adoption of foster children who cannot be reunified safely with their parents, and the utilization of least restrictive placement options for juvenile offenders; and

WHEREAS, the development of the System Improvement Plan incorporated input from parent advocates, foster parents, community-based family support organizations, court appointed special advocates, public agency partners including San Francisco Department of Public Health and Community Behavioral Health Services, and staff from the San Francisco Human Services Agency child welfare program and the San Francisco Juvenile Probation Department; and

WHEREAS, the development of the System Improvement Plan also included focused analysis of child welfare data, which found that the number of children in foster care has been reduced by half in the last decade and the racial disproportion of children entering foster care for the first time has decreased dramatically, and the System Improvement Plan includes strategies to sustain these outcome improvements; and

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 44-10 approving Self Assessment, a needs assessment for Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation Placement which informed the System Improvement Plan; and
WHEREAS, the System Improvement Plan meets the requirements specified by the California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, and requires approval by the Board of Supervisors; and now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors for the City and County of San Francisco approved the Child Welfare and Juvenile Probation System Improvement Plan from May 15, 2010, through May 15, 2013, and authorizes the San Francisco Human Services Agency to submit the System Improvement Plan to the California Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services Division, and the Office of Child Abuse Prevention.
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July 27, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Duffy, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/27/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date Approved