

1 [Commending Monica Walters]

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3 **Resolution recognizing and commending Monica Walters on the occasion of her**  
4 **retirement, and for her many years serving the children and families in the City and**  
5 **County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 2009, Monica relocated to San Francisco following a decades-long  
8 career in nonprofit leadership in Washington State, accepting the position of Executive  
9 Director of the Donaldina Cameron House and guiding the work of that historic agency for  
10 three years; and

11 WHEREAS, Monica quickly immersed herself in the San Francisco community and  
12 social services networks, focusing especially on the underserved children and families in  
13 Chinatown; and

14 WHEREAS, Monica helped to advance the work of the API Council, serving on the  
15 Steering Committee for several years; was active in the San Francisco Domestic Violence  
16 Consortium; and also served on the Board of NICOS Chinese Health Coalition; and

17 WHEREAS, In 2012, Monica joined Wu Yee Children's Services as CEO to pursue her  
18 passion in advancing equity for those children who are most often marginalized and have  
19 historically been furthest from opportunity; which included supporting every child's family with  
20 essential services; and

21 WHEREAS, When San Francisco State University Head Start programs closed in  
22 2013-2014 and Wu Yee was awarded the new Federal grant, Monica successfully led the  
23 rapid expansion of Wu Yee from 6 to 12 early learning centers, becoming San Francisco's  
24 largest Early Head Start/Head Start program; and

1           WHEREAS, Monica was an instrumental leader in the community-led effort to pass  
2 Baby Prop C, working alongside Supervisor Norman Yee, the champion of this  
3 transformational movement, to bring vital funding to our Early Childhood Education system in  
4 San Francisco; and

5           WHEREAS, Monica diligently served on the Early Childhood Community Oversight and  
6 Advisory Committee and has been a commendable advocate ensuring that Baby Prop C is  
7 fully implemented as intended by the voters; and

8           WHEREAS, Monica led the charge for increased reimbursement rates from the State of  
9 California, working successfully with San Francisco colleagues to raise rates by nearly 20%  
10 for our providers of early education and child care; and

11           WHEREAS, Monica Walters has worked tirelessly for San Francisco's children and  
12 families who are most at need, guiding Wu Yee and many in San Francisco's early education  
13 community through a period of transformation; and

14           WHEREAS, Monica fulfilled the promise of moving Wu Yee toward a comprehensive  
15 multilingual and multiracial service model, reaching into San Francisco's Black, Latinx, and  
16 Pacific Islander neighborhoods, while broadening support for the Asian communities Wu Yee  
17 has historically served; and

18           WHEREAS, Monica believes nothing is more essential than excellent child care and  
19 education for all our children right from the start and is committed to partnering with parents,  
20 individuals, and organizations across the State to provide a network that strengthens and  
21 connects a diverse, resilient community around our children; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes, celebrates, and  
23 commends Monica Walters on the occasion of her retirement and extends their deepest  
24 gratitude for her many years serving the children and families in the City and County of San  
25 Francisco.



City and County of San Francisco

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January 28, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/28/2025 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

Signature line for Daniel Lurie
Daniel Lurie
Mayor

02/07/2025

Signature line for Date Approved
Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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02/07/2025
Date