FILE NO. 230177

[Condemning House Concurrent Resolution 9]

Resolution condemning the passage of "Red-Baiting" House Concurrent Resolution 9, and urging Congress not to engage in, vote for, or otherwise support fearmongering and red-baiting by the federal government.

WHEREAS, On January 25, 2023, Republican Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) introduced House Concurrent Resolution 9 ("the Resolution"), "Denouncing the Horrors of Socialism," in the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, On February 1, 2023, the Resolution passed by a bipartisan vote of 328-86; and

WHEREAS, The Resolution states that "Congress denounces socialism in all its forms, and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America"; and

WHEREAS, Red-baiting is defined as the act of harassing or persecuting someone on account of known or suspected sympathies for communist, socialist, or similar left-aligned ideologies; and

WHEREAS, Red-baiting has historically been used in the United States of America to disenfranchise, silence, and jail people for political and anti-worker purposes; and

WHEREAS, Socialism has deep roots all over the world, and socialist ideas have motivated many leaders to seek better conditions for our most vulnerable residents in the United States and worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., Angela Davis, Bayard Rustin, W.E.B. Du Bois, Mother Jones, Dorothy Day, Paul Robeson, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Cesar Chavez, and countless other celebrated leaders were unapologetic about their socialist ideals; and

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WHEREAS, It is often stated that San Francisco is a union town, with a rich tradition of socialist organizing that lives on to the present in the struggle for workers' rights; and

WHEREAS, The United States has implemented various essential programs and changes to its laws based on socialist ideals, including public housing, public education, public libraries, the United States Postal Service, Medicare, and other similar programs; and

WHEREAS, It is a disservice to the legacies of socialist leaders, workers, and socialistinspired programs that exist today to allow redbaiting to permeate once again through the Capitol; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ("the Board") condemns House Concurrent Resolution 9; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges Congress not to engage in, vote for, or otherwise support fearmongering and red-baiting; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on Congress, President Joe Biden, and
Vice President Kamala Harris to stand against red-baiting by the federal government; and, be
it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board will send a copy of this Resolution to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Kevin Mullin, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris upon its passage.

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February 28, 2023 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

March 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

March 07, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 3/7/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed Mayor 03/17/2023

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 her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Sult Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

03/17/2023

Date

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