

1 [Resolution reaffirming San Francisco’s status as a City and County of Refuge and an “I.N.S.
2 Raid-Free Zone.]

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4 **Resolution promoting San Francisco’s commitment to ensuring that all its residents**
5 **may live in safety and free from discrimination in the midst of the post-September 11**
6 **“war against terrorism,” by reaffirming San Francisco’s status as a City and County of**
7 **Refuge, and an “I.N.S. Raid-Free Zone.”**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco values the dignity of all its
10 residents, regardless of immigration status, and will make every affirmative effort to ensure
11 that all San Franciscans live in safety and free from discrimination; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1989, the City and County of San Francisco established itself a City
13 and County of Refuge, recognizing that local police involvement in the enforcement of federal
14 immigration law endangers public safety; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1999, the City and County of San Francisco declared itself an “I.N.S.
16 Raid-Free Zone,” recognizing that the Immigration and Naturalization Service (I.N.S.) often
17 violates civil and human rights during its raids, arrests and detentions, and that such I.N.S.
18 raids threaten the public safety of all San Franciscans; and

19 WHEREAS, The I.N.S. is the United States’ biggest and fastest growing law
20 enforcement agency, with the largest number of armed officers; and

21 WHEREAS, In just the few years after the passage of 1996 legislation greatly
22 increasing I.N.S. enforcement, the numbers of people incarcerated by the I.N.S. has more
23 than tripled; and

1 WHEREAS, After the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the USA Patriot Act, and
2 the Enhanced Border Security and Visa Entry Reform Act, have allocated even more
3 resources to I.N.S. enforcement and detention; and

4 WHEREAS, The I.N.S. is significantly involved in a campaign to question more than
5 8000 men based solely on their national origin, immigration status, gender and age, and has
6 tried to involve local police in this federal investigative campaign; and

7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Police Department and several other Bay Area police
8 departments have rightfully declined to participate in such questioning that is based not on
9 individualized suspicion, but on racial profiling, and would potentially involve local police in the
10 enforcement of federal immigration laws; and

11 WHEREAS, There is increasing pressure on the San Francisco Police Department to
12 participate in further expanding federal immigration enforcement, through such programs as
13 the "Absconder Apprehension Initiative"; and

14 WHEREAS, There are widespread media reports that the Department of Justice may
15 release a memo stating that, contrary to long-established legal precedent, local police have
16 the inherent authority to choose to enforce immigration law; and

17 WHEREAS, The I.N.S. is increasing its raids of homes and businesses through
18 initiatives such as "Operation Tarmac," which has already involved the arrest and detention of
19 several hundred primarily Latino service workers throughout the country, at least 35 of whom
20 are in the Bay Area; and

21 WHEREAS, The I.N.S. is spearheading a secret detention campaign, arresting and
22 incarcerating large unknown numbers of primarily South Asian and Arab non-citizens; and

23 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco recognizes that dragnet
24 investigations and enforcement activities in immigrant communities are a poor use of
25 resources; and

1 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco opposes the discrimination and
2 terror being experienced by its residents in the wake of escalated I.N.S. activity; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That San Francisco continues its commitment to public safety and dignity
5 by reaffirming itself as a City and County of Refuge, prohibiting the use of City resources to
6 assist in the enforcement of federal immigration laws, except in certain limited circumstances
7 described in San Francisco Administrative Code Section 12H; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco Chief
9 of Police to issue a written directive to all local law enforcement officials reminding them of
10 the requirements of the City of Refuge Ordinance; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco continues its commitment to public safety
12 and dignity by reaffirming itself an "I.N.S. Raid-Free Zone," requesting and urging the I.N.S. to
13 cease conducting raids, arrests and detentions within the City and County of San Francisco;
14 and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor of San
16 Francisco to immediately convene a meeting with the I.N.S. San Francisco District Director
17 and representatives of San Francisco's immigrant communities to communicate the contents
18 of this resolution.



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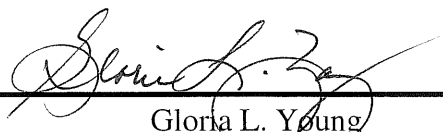
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June 3, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Yee

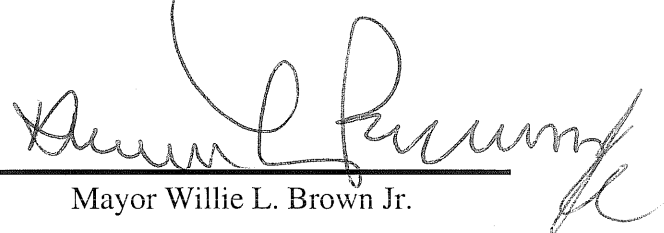
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 3, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.