

1 [Endorse The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative]

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3 **Resolution endorsing The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, a**
4 **measure for the November 2004 statewide ballot, which will both support important**
5 **scientific research and create jobs in California.**
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8 WHEREAS, More than 120 million Americans suffer from chronic and life-threatening
9 diseases such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, HIV/AIDS,
10 Parkinson's disease, ALS, osteoporosis and brain and spinal cord injuries; and,

11 WHEREAS, Medical researchers have discovered that many of these diseases and
12 injuries could be successfully treated or cured by new regenerative medicine therapies
13 involving stem cells; and,

14 WHEREAS, Most medical experts view stem cell research as the new frontier in
15 medicine that could save millions of lives; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Bush Administration opposes this promising field of study and has
17 restricted nearly all federal funding for stem cell research; and,

18 WHEREAS, These federal funding limitations have already caused some of our state's
19 brightest stem cell researchers to go abroad or to leave the field; and,

20 WHEREAS, California's medical and scientific institutions, including the University of
21 California, San Francisco, that wish to conduct stem cell research must find alternatives to
22 federal funding; and,

23 WHEREAS, A coalition of California families and medical experts have joined together
24 to create a ballot initiative, called the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, that
25 will fund stem cell research in California; and,

1 WHEREAS, The initiative authorizes state bonds that will provide an average of \$295
2 million per year over a ten year period to fund stem cell research by scientists at California's
3 universities, including the University of California, San Francisco; and,

4 WHEREAS, The increase in stem cell research activities should create thousands of
5 new jobs in California, including many in San Francisco; and,

6 WHEREAS, The initiative assures that funds will be used properly and effectively by
7 requiring independent audits, open meetings, public hearings and annual reports to the
8 public; and,

9 WHEREAS, The initiative creates an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee and
10 advisory groups that will include the state's top medical experts, representatives of disease
11 advocacy groups and financial experts; and,

12 WHEREAS, Under the initiative, the State of California will receive royalties that result
13 from the research; and,

14 WHEREAS, The initiative is funded by state tax-exempt bonds, with the interest fully
15 funded by bond proceeds for the first five years to protect the state general fund from
16 payments during California's economic recovery; and,

17 WHEREAS, The initiative includes provisions to protect patient rights and privacy and
18 specifically prohibits any funding for human reproductive cloning; and

19 WHEREAS, The text of The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative is on
20 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. , which is hereby declared to be
21 a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses the California
23 Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
25 to send a copy of this resolution to Californians for Stem Cell Research and Cures.