

1 [Commending and Honoring Harvey M. Rose]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Harvey M. Rose for his outstanding service as**
4 **the San Francisco Budget and Legislative Analyst to the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco for 52 years.**

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7 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco does hereby declare the following:
8 Harvey M. Rose has served as the Budget and Legislative Analyst for the City and County of
9 San Francisco for 52 years; and

10 WHEREAS, On April 12, 1971, the Board of Supervisors ordered a Charter
11 Amendment adding Section 12.1, which authorized the Board of Supervisors to appoint and
12 remove a Budget Analyst; and

13 WHEREAS, Certified Public Accountant Harvey M. Rose was selected to serve as the
14 Budget Analyst by the Board of Supervisors in 1971, and except for a short stint as the State
15 Auditor in the mid 1970's, he served in that role through June 2, 2025, first as a civil servant
16 and since 1978 under contract; and

17 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors authorized \$435 for a typewriter and \$926 for
18 office equipment for the new Office of the Budget Analyst on April 5, 1971, at which point the
19 new office became functional; and

20 WHEREAS, The Office of the Budget Analyst expanded over the years in response to
21 requests from the Board of Supervisors for additional independent reports and services
22 including performance audits, budget analysis, analyses of proposed legislation with fiscal
23 impact, policy analyses, and support for Board responses to Grand Jury reports; and

24 WHEREAS, Budget and Legislative Analyst Harvey M. Rose served as trusted advisor
25 to an estimated 90 members of the Board of Supervisors throughout his tenure, conducted

1 independent management audits of nearly every department and key function in the City and
2 County of San Francisco, analyzed and made recommendations on 52 fiscal years' worth of
3 proposed Mayor's budgets, and prepared thousands of legislative and policy analyses reports
4 on every key fiscal and policy matter considered by the Board of Supervisors; and

5 WHEREAS, Renamed as the Budget and Legislative Analyst in 2009 to reflect its
6 expanded duties, the Office produced an average of 195 reports per year for the Board of
7 Supervisors between 2015 and the first half of 2025; and

8 WHEREAS, While his analyses and reports have saved the City and County of San
9 Francisco millions of dollars and improved efficiency; and

10 WHEREAS, Harvey Rose's passion about everything fiscal and his deep-felt disdain for
11 wasteful spending turned many a Board of Supervisors hearings into lively, colorful
12 proceedings; and

13 WHEREAS, As one former Supervisor stated, with so much information constantly
14 presented to the Board of Supervisors, she knew she could always trust the numbers and
15 analysis from Harvey, even if she didn't agree with his conclusions, because she knew he was
16 fiercely independent and was not lobbying to get anything; and

17 WHEREAS, Born and raised in Nutley, New Jersey, he attended Rutgers University,
18 later moved to Florida and completed college at the University of Miami, was subsequently
19 licensed as a Certified Public Accountant, and, on a blind date, met his wife, Renee, with
20 whom he has lived in San Francisco since the 1970s, raised two daughters, and they now
21 have five beautiful grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 hereby commends Budget Analyst Harvey M. Rose for his fearless and independent analytical
24 approach and the many benefits that have accrued to the City and County of San Francisco
25 as a result.