

1 [Lead Poisoning Prevention - Departments of Public Works and Real
2 Estate]

3 URGING THE DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC WORKS AND REAL ESTATE TO CARRY OUT
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN ITS
5 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THE EFFECTIVE
6 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION
7 PROGRAM.

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9 WHEREAS, Childhood lead poisoning caused by exposure to lead is
10 the number one environmental health hazard facing young children
11 today; and,

12 WHEREAS, Exposure to even small amounts of lead can increase
13 children's risks of developing permanent learning disabilities and a
14 variety of physical and behavioral problems; and,

15 WHEREAS, Lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease for
16 which there is no medical cure; and,

17 WHEREAS, There are significant numbers of young children who
18 have been and who are being exposed to lead hazards in San Francisco;
19 and,

20 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors enacted the Comprehensive
21 Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Program) in 1992 to
22 prevent needless suffering from this disease; and,

23 WHEREAS, The goals of the Program are to educate all parents and
24 other child care givers about how to protect children from lead
25 hazards, to provide universal screening and testing of children up to

1 six years of age, to develop a case management system for those found
2 to be suffering from lead poisoning, and to make all public and
3 private facilities in this City lead-safe for children; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Program set specific tasks and goals for City
5 departments providing family and children services and operating
6 public facilities in a coordinated effort to protect the public
7 health and welfare; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Departments of Public Works and Real Estate staff
9 have many opportunities to provide lead poisoning prevention
10 information to the parents and other child care givers which they
11 serve, particularly information regarding the importance of regular
12 testing for lead poisoning; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health is required by the 1992
14 legislation to describe annually to the Board of Supervisors the
15 efforts of all local agencies to comply with the Program and the
16 additional actions needed to implement the Program effectively; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health has made its annual
18 report to the Board of Supervisors, and that report contains a number
19 of recommendations for the Departments of Public Works and Real
20 Estate to implement in order to more effectively carry out the
21 Program; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Directors of
23 the Departments of Public Works and Real Estate to implement the
24 recommendations of the Department of Public Health, set forth in its
25 Annual Report to the Board dated November 12, 1998; and, be it

SUPERVISOR BIERMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Directors provide the Board with a
2 written report regarding their Departments's progress in implementing
3 the Department of Public Health's recommendations within 180 days
4 from the effective date of this resolution.

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Departments of Public Works and Real Estate to carry out the Department of Public Health's recommendations contained its Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors regarding the effective implementation of the comprehensive lead poisoning prevention program.

March 1, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 1, 1999 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.