

1 [Foundation Support for Communities of Color]

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3 **Resolution urging independent and community foundations to effectively support**
4 **communities of color and foster leadership development in minority-led organizations.**

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6 WHEREAS, Minority ethnic groups compose nearly a third of the entire population of
7 the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Recent studies by the Greenlining Institute and Applied Research Center
9 on the top fifty independent and community foundations in 2002 revealed that independent
10 foundations awarded only 3 percent of grant dollars and 4.3 percent of grants to minority-led
11 organizations, and community foundations awarded only 3 percent of grant dollars and 2
12 percent of grants to minority-led organizations; and,

13 WHEREAS, African-Americans received 1.6 percent of total grant-making, Latinos
14 received 1.2 percent, Asian/Pacific Islanders received 0.5 percent, Native Americans received
15 0.5 percent; and general ethnic and other racial minority groups received only 4.1 percent of
16 total grant dollars; and

17 WHEREAS, In total, only 8 percent of grants from the nation's largest foundations
18 directly reached, benefited, or otherwise served ethnic and racial minorities in 2003; and,

19 WHEREAS, Minority-led nonprofit organizations empower communities by ensuring
20 that those who speak for the community are also from the community they represent; and,

21 WHEREAS, Minority-led nonprofit organizations are vital to ensuring that specific
22 minority interests and concerns are addressed within the public sphere and provide a training
23 ground for minority involvement in public policy and governance decisions; and,

24 WHEREAS, Foundations' tax exemptions are funded by tax payers, the majority whom
25 are people of color; and,

1 WHEREAS, In San Francisco, minorities comprise close to half of the population with
2 Whites at 52.6%, 33.2% Asian, 14% Latino, 6.5% Black or African American, and 0.8%
3 American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native Hawaiian, and Other Pacific Islander, and
4 approximately 3.8% identifying themselves as some other race and 3% as two or more races
5 combined, according to the U.S. Bureau’s 2004 American Community Survey; and,

6 WHEREAS, Ethnic groups will represent two-thirds of California’s population by 2025;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges independent
9 and community foundations to effectively support communities of color and foster leadership
10 development in minority-led organizations.

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