

1 [Commending Supervisor John Avalos]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor John Avalos for his distinguished**
4 **service as a Member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor John Avalos served the people of the City and County of San
7 Francisco and the residents of District 11 with commitment and compassion for eight years as
8 a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

9 WHEREAS, As an experienced community development policy maker, labor and
10 community organizer, and coalition builder, Supervisor John Avalos understands that real and
11 lasting change comes from the grassroots and that any policy struggle must include and
12 develop the leadership and participation of the most impacted communities; and

13 WHEREAS, For the last 10 years, Supervisor Avalos' work on the City's finances
14 ensured that our City budget supports youth and families, language access, affordable
15 housing, and provides more equitable investments across neighborhoods; and

16 WHEREAS, As the Chair of Budget and Finance Committee in 2009 and 2010, when
17 the City faced a half-billion dollar deficit, Supervisor John Avalos worked to balance the
18 budget, restoring \$100 million of proposed cuts to essential services that were critical to those
19 hit hardest by the economic recession and preserved the social safety net for future
20 generations of San Franciscans; and

21 WHEREAS, In 2010, as many neighborhoods suffered high unemployment rates,
22 Supervisor John Avalos organized an unprecedented coalition of community, labor, and
23 environmental groups to reform the City's ineffectual "First Source" program and pass the
24 nation's strongest Local Hiring law; and

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1 WHEREAS, In 2013, Supervisor John Avalos played a leading role in passing the
2 nation’s strongest protection for immigrants against unconstitutional ICE holds in our criminal
3 justice system and in 2016 protected our Sanctuary City status by strengthening and updating
4 our Due Process for All ordinance; and

5 WHEREAS, Supervisor Avalos led policies to address the climate crisis, such as
6 chairing the Local Agency Formation Commission through the launch of CleanpowerSF,
7 authoring a Climate Action Strategy for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, passing
8 model Keep It in the Ground ordinance, and pushing the San Francisco Employees
9 Retirement System to divest from coal and reinvest in a fossil-fuel-free index fund; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Avalos focused on infrastructure investments and
11 community-building that include two urban agriculture projects, Crocker Farm and Sisterhood
12 Gardens, and the activation of the Geneva Car Barn and Powerhouse and the 35-45
13 Onondaga buildings; and

14 WHEREAS, Under Supervisor Avalos’ term, District 11 is prepared to build its first
15 two 100% affordable housing developments at the Upper Yard at Balboa Park Station and on
16 Mission Street at the site of the Valente Marini Peralta & Co. Funeral Home, bringing in
17 approximately 200 units of much needed family housing; and

18 WHEREAS, Supervisor John Avalos helped grow new leaders and build coalitions
19 through organizations such as Coleman Advocates, Communities United for Health and
20 Justice, the Excelsior Collaborative, OMI Community Collaborative, Excelsior Works!, and the
21 San Francisco People’s Organization, which will continue to advance community-led change
22 in District 11 and citywide for generations to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco,
24 on behalf of her members, officers, employees, and the residents of this City, recognizes

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1 Supervisor John Avalos for his contributions to expanding equitable access to all levels of
2 public and social services; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
4 Francisco fully expects Supervisor John Avalos, Champion for the People, to continue his
5 work as a member of the public, judiciously utilizing the public comment podium in the Board
6 Chamber, and fully implementing inside/outside strategies to continue affecting positive policy
7 changes in our City and throughout the Bay Area.

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