

1 [This resolution proposes an evaluation of the fire and medical rescue needs of San
2 Francisco.]

3 **Resolution authorizing the City Controller to perform an evaluation of the fire and**
4 **medical rescue needs of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Franciscans deserve efficient, state-of-the-art, cost effective rescue
7 and fire suppression services; and

8 WHEREAS, The 21st century requirements for fire suppression and paramedic
9 ambulance service in San Francisco have changed significantly from earlier periods; and

10 WHEREAS, The recent budget process has clearly demonstrated the need for the
11 prudent use of every tax dollar; and

12 WHEREAS, The budget process raised issues regarding the appropriate level of
13 facilities, staffing and deployment of emergency fire and rescue personnel and related
14 services; and

15 WHEREAS, While San Francisco is unique in its geographic and topographical
16 characteristics, it would benefit from comparisons to other large urban areas in numbers of
17 employees, costs and facilities providing emergency fire and rescue services; and

18 WHEREAS, This is an issue that concerns a wide range of people in the City and
19 needs a publicly accountable process to consider the many options and ramifications of
20 potential changes; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Controller conduct an evaluation of the fire and medical rescue
22 needs of San Francisco, including issues related to the staffing, deployment, costs and
23 facilities of the City's emergency service providers; and be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Controller examine, among other issues, station
2 number and location, response time, dispatch practices, and time allocated to fire prevention
3 and suppression; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Controller to involve
5 independent experts and community stakeholders in the evaluation process; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors asks the Controller to prepare a
7 report on its evaluation by no later than March 31, 2004 so that its recommendations can be
8 considered during deliberations on the 2004-2005 budget.

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