

1 [Oppose H.R. 3177 and S. 1482 - Internet Filtering Act and Communications
2 Decency Act II]

3 OPPOSING H.R. 3177 (INTERNET FILTERING ACT) AND S. 1482
4 (COMMUNICATIONS DECENCY ACT II).

5 WHEREAS, H.R. 3177 (Internet Filtering Act), introduced by
6 Representative Franks in the United States House of Representatives, and S. 1482
7 (Communications Decency Act II), introduced by Senator Coats in the United
8 States Senate, would require schools and libraries to install Internet filtering
9 software in order to receive federal funding for Internet connection; and,

10 WHEREAS, These acts violate the First Amendment right to free speech
11 and unfairly target the gay and lesbian community; and,

12 WHEREAS, The filters target the words "gay" and "lesbian" and block
13 access to websites containing those word regardless of their content; and,

14 WHEREAS, Many of the sites that would be blocked are gay and lesbian
15 support sites, such as the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN),
16 Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) and the National Center for
17 Lesbian Rights (NCLR), to name a few; and,

18 WHEREAS, Many gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning
19 youth access these sites for guidance and assurance, to find other people who are
20 in similar situations and to learn out about resources in their area; and,

21 WHEREAS, Many youth do not have access to the Internet in their homes
22 and can only access websites at school or in the library; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Internet filtering software not only blocks gay and
24 lesbian sites but also unintentionally blocks other sites of an educational nature,
25 such as sites about breast cancer because they contain the word "breast"; now,
therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes H.R.
3177 (Internet Filtering Act) and S. 1482 (Communications Decency Act II).

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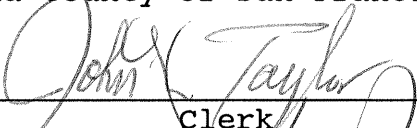
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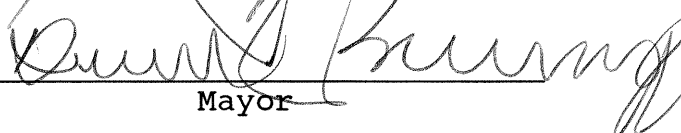
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution
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of the City and County of San Francisco

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Date Approved


Clerk


Mayor