

1 [Bail Schedule]

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3 **Resolution urging the presiding judge of the ~~Municipal~~ Superior Court to convene the**
4 **Judge’s Bail Committee ~~in conjunction with the Superior Court~~ and in consultation with**
5 **the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department to**
6 **assess the bail schedule in order to determine what adjustments are needed to bring**
7 **San Francisco in line with other Bay Area counties.**

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9 WHEREAS, The bail schedule is set by the judiciary and is used as a guideline for
10 judges when a defendant first appears in court; and

11 WHEREAS, The bail schedule has not been adjusted since October of 1998 when
12 Supervisor Jose Medina asked that a review be conducted; and,

13 WHEREAS, The bail schedule, when adjusted in 1998, was still lower than that of San
14 Mateo County, Alameda County and Contra Costa County; and,

15 WHEREAS, Based on San Francisco’s lower bail schedules, most suspected drug
16 crime defendants find it easier to get out of jail while awaiting a trial in the City than in any of
17 the surrounding Bay Area counties; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does
19 hereby urge the presiding judge of the ~~Municipal~~ Superior Court to convene the Judge’s Bail
20 Committee ~~in conjunction with the Superior Court~~ to assess the bail schedule in order to
21 determine what adjustments are needed to bring San Francisco in line with other Bay Area
22 counties; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police and Sheriff’s Departments are
24 consulted regarding jail population and overcrowding during this assessment process.

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