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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Food Bank administers the CSFP program and
7 provides a monthly food box from the United States Department of Agriculture to 10,600
8 people in San Francisco; and

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10 WHEREAS, The program serves a majority of low-income seniors in San Francisco;
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12 WHEREAS, Every food box is filled with nutritious foods seniors need to maintain their
13 health, like canned tuna and chicken, cheese, rice, cereal, fruits and vegetables; and

14 WHEREAS, Beginning next month, more than 1000 low-income seniors in San
15 Francisco will lose their monthly food boxes as the United States Department of Agriculture
16 budgetary cutbacks begin to set in; and

17 WHEREAS, Participants in the program must have a monthly income below \$1,062 to
18 qualify for CSFP; and

19 WHEREAS, The CSFP program is cost-effective, with the food box valued at \$50 yet
20 costing the United States Department of Agriculture only \$15 per box; and

21 WHEREAS, CSFP is the only federal commodity program that provides participants
22 with a nutritionally balanced food source each month; and

23 WHEREAS, The Bush Administration has proposed to completely eliminate the
24 program in the coming fiscal year; and

1 WHEREAS, This program helped feed more than 500,000 low income seniors each
2 month last year across the country and more than 55,000 seniors per month in California
3 alone; and

4 WHEREAS, This supplemental food program has been in effect for more than two
5 decades; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the United States
7 Congress to restore full funding to the Commodity Supplemental Food Program.

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