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1 [SUPPORTING INFRARED AUDIBLE SIGNAGE INSTALLATION]
2 SUPPORTING INFRARED AUDIBLE SIGNAGE INSTALLATIONS WHICH WILL
3 PROVIDE NAME AND ADDRESS LOCATION AT EVERY NEW OR NEWLY
4 RENOVATED, PUBLICLY OWNED FACILITY AND VARIOUS HIGH TRAFFIC PUBLIC BUILDINGS

6 WHEREAS, On April 13, 1992, the Board of Supervisors
7 passed a resolution urging the City to support the installation
8 of infrared audible signage transmitters such as those
9 manufactured by Talking Signs, Inc. at intersections known to
10 be frequented by visually impaired pedestrians; and,

11 WHEREAS, This resolution lead to San Francisco becoming
12 the most comprehensive pilot project of infrared audible
13 signage anywhere in the world; and,

14 WHEREAS, Currently, there are more than 800 of these
15 audible signage transmitters located throughout the City,
16 located not only at intersections, but in such prominent
17 facilities as the Powell Street BART and Muni stations, the
18 Main Library and the newly renovated City Hall; and,

19 WHEREAS, Over the past seven years, this signage system
20 has been modified and improved in accordance with feedback
21 provided by the visually impaired community; and,

22 WHEREAS, This technology has placed a powerful access tool
23 in the hands of many residents of and visitors to San Francisco
24 who would otherwise be unable to read the safety and

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1 directional information these signage transmitters so
2 effectively provide; and,

3 WHEREAS, The 1992 Board of Supervisors resolution
4 specified that Talking Signs be implemented at intersections
5 that visually impaired pedestrians were known to frequent in
6 order that these "residents and visitors should be able to use
7 the city's street and intersections in a safe and convenient
8 manner"; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Mayor has been advised by the Mayor's
10 Disability Council that it is time to broaden the scope of the
11 original project so that greater numbers of visually impaired
12 residents and visitors will be able to safely and conveniently
13 frequent all city streets, facilities and programs on equal
14 terms with the general citizenry; and now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports infrared
16 audible signage installation that will provide name and address
17 location at every new or newly renovated, publicly owned or
18 leased facility; and various high traffic public buildings
and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That those City and County facilities,
20 that contain programs available to the general public, should
21 offer additional signage transmitters providing path of travel
22 and location information for all public programs therein; and,
23 be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors
25 encourages privately owned businesses and facilities to

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1 follow the same guidelines for accessible signage adopted
2 by public programs and facilities.

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Resolution supporting infrared audible signage installations which will provide name and address location at every new or newly renovated, publicly owned facility and various high traffic public buildings.

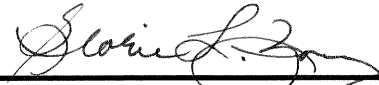
September 1, 1999 Mayor — SUBSTITUTED

September 21, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,
Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 21, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

SEP 30 1999

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.