

1 [Open Government: Reinstating CityWatch Telecasts.]

2 **Resolution to protect open government by re-instating cable programming for the**  
3 **Police and Planning Commissions on San Francisco Government Television,**  
4 **CityWatch.**

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6 WHEREAS, Ensuring that government is reaching its decisions in full view of the public  
7 is essential to a working democracy; and

8 WHEREAS, Such transparency and open government are essential to maintain the  
9 public trust; and

10 WHEREAS, Cable access San Francisco Government Television, CityWatch is one of  
11 the main conduits for San Francisco residents appreciate government discourse and track  
12 how policy decisions are made; and

13 WHEREAS, In January, the Mayor suspended the telecasting of General Fund  
14 commission hearings, including the Police Commission and Planning Commission, on  
15 CityWatch as part of his midyear spending reductions; and

16 WHEREAS, Given the sensitive and often controversial decisions made during Police  
17 Department and Planning Department commission hearings, the Police and Planning  
18 Departments are two of the most politically important City departments where open  
19 government is most paramount; and

20 WHEREAS, There is great public interests in following the Police Commission and  
21 Planning Commission proceedings on CityWatch; and

22 WHEREAS, The Police and Planning Commissions offices have received numerous  
23 inquiries from residents concerned about the suspension of CityWatch telecasts and urging  
24 their reinstatement; therefore, be it  
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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the immediate reinstatement of the  
2 telecasting of the Police Commission and Planning Commission; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to  
4 exempt the telecasting of the Police Commission and Planning Commission from suspensions  
5 during future budget deliberations.  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

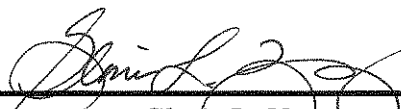
Resolution to protect open government by re-instating cable programming for the Police and Planning Commissions on San Francisco Government Television, CityWatch.

February 22, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell,  
McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 22, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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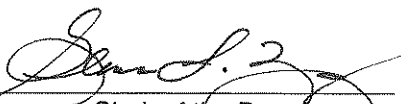
**Date Approved**

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**Mayor Gavin Newsom**

Date: March 4, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
Clerk of the Board

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