

1 [Fair and Balanced State Budget.]

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3 **Resolution urging California’s elected leaders to use a fair and balanced approach to**  
4 **solving the state’s budget crisis.**

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WHEREAS, California’s budget crisis threatens to undermine the quality of life in our  
7 communities and the welfare of the people of the City and County of San Francisco; and

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WHEREAS, The Governor’s “cuts only” budget proposal would deprive millions of  
10 Californians – including hundreds of thousands in San Francisco – the basic health care,  
11 home care, and other services children, seniors, and people with disabilities need to survive;  
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WHEREAS, The Governor’s budget proposal would leave hundreds of thousands of  
15 people unemployed, many of them San Francisco residents, putting even more pressure on  
16 local services, and driving California further into recession; and,

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WHEREAS, The Governor’s budget proposal would deny some 300,000 students a  
19 college education and increase class sizes in our public schools, weakening education for our  
20 children and making California less competitive with other states; and,

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WHEREAS, The Governor’s budget proposal would significantly cut money the state is  
23 legally required to pay to counties, a move that will severely impact the budget of the City and  
24 County of San Francisco and make it difficult to provide for public safety and to deliver the  
25 services we need to maintain our strong and vibrant communities; and,

1           WHEREAS, In the City and County of San Francisco, we have already held over 110  
2 hours of budget hearings and plan to hold many more in order to develop a budget that  
3 shares the burden of balancing our City’s budget fairly and equitably; and,

4           WHEREAS, Public opinion research conducted after the May 2009 Special Election  
5 showed that voters of all political backgrounds opposed the Governor’s budget proposal,  
6 including 65 percent who said the budget crisis should be solved with a mixture of cuts and  
7 new taxes – not just cuts alone as the Governor is proposing; now, therefore, be it  
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9           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
10 urges the Governor and California State Legislature to produce a common-sense budget that  
11 represents a fair balance between spending cuts and taxes to minimize the impact on the  
12 people of California and the residents of San Francisco.

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