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[Commending the Housing Authority.]

Resolution commending the San Francisco Housing Authority for their efforts to increase civic participation among their residents of Public and Section 8 housing.

WHEREAS, Throughout calendar year 2002, the San Francisco Housing Authority embarked on a concerted effort to increase civic participation among its residents; and,

WHEREAS, The goal of SFHA was to increase the number of residents registered to vote and increase the number of residents who actually cast ballots in the elections; and,

WHEREAS, The SFHA included multilingual voter information in its rent statements and mailed a voter registration card to every public housing and Section 8 household, made registration cards available at every property office and posted reminders as elections drew near; and,

WHEREAS, The Housing Authority also partnered with the A. Philip Randolph Institute (APRI), the Chinatown Community Development Center (CCDC) and the Chinese American Voter Education Committee (CAVEC) to increase voter registration; and,

WHEREAS, Outreach and education efforts focused at family developments—Sunnydale, Potrero Hill, Hunters Point, Alice Griffith and Alemany—that had historically lower voter participation; and,

WHEREAS, As a result of their coordinated efforts, voter turnout increased from 211 to 729 at the family development, a 244% increase in one year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby commend the San Francisco Housing Authority for their efforts to increase civic participation among their residents of Public and Section 8 housing.