

1 [Urging Governor Davis to appoint qualified lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender judges.]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to combat homophobia in the judicial system**  
4 **by appointing qualified lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Californians as judges.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council of California recently completed a survey of 2,100  
7 court users and 5,500 court employees that clearly demonstrates bias in our state's judicial  
8 system on the basis of sexual orientation; and

9 WHEREAS, This study uncovered that 56% of lesbian and gay respondents  
10 experienced or observed anti-gay actions or comments when sexual orientation was an issue,  
11 with those comments most frequently made by a lawyer or court employee; and,

12 WHEREAS, This study also documented that in those cases where sexual orientation  
13 became an issue, 56% of lesbian and gay court users did not want to state their sexual  
14 orientation and 38% felt threatened because of their sexual orientation; and,

15 WHEREAS, This study also found that 29% of court employees believe it is unsafe to  
16 be out in the workplace and 59% believe it would be better if lesbians and gay men were not  
17 open about their sexual orientation; and,

18 WHEREAS, One in five lesbian and gay court employees reported experiencing  
19 discrimination in the workplace based on their sexual orientation; and,

20 WHEREAS, A full copy of the report can be found on the web site of the Judicial  
21 Council at [www.courtinfo.ca.gov](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov); and,

22 WHEREAS, It is extremely important for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender  
23 Californians to have equal access to the judicial system; and,

24 WHEREAS, Governor Gray Davis has yet to appoint open lesbian, gay, bisexual or  
25 transgender Californians to the bench in appreciable numbers; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Governor Gray Davis to appoint qualified lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Californians to the bench, and take all needed steps to ensure that all Californians have equal access to the judicial system; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors requests the Clerk of the Board forward this resolution to Governor Davis.



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Resolution

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Resolution urging Governor Gray Davis to combat homophobia in the judicial system by appointing qualified lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Californians as judges.

March 12, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin

Absent: 5 - Daly, Hall, McGoldrick, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 12, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Jean Lum  
Acting Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.