

1 [Destruction of Non-Felony Case Files.]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Office of the Public Defender to destroy non-felony case**
4 **files eight years after the final disposition of the case.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Public Defender of the City and County of San Francisco desires to
7 destroy non-felony case files eight years after the final disposition of the case; and,

8 WHEREAS, Government Code Section 26205.8 permits destruction of non-felony case
9 files eight years after the final disposition of the case if approved by the Board of Supervisors;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, The Office of the Public Defender has no need to produce non-felony case
12 files eight years after the final disposition of the case because clients who are convicted of
13 misdemeanors are placed on probation for no more than three (3) years, and any obligations
14 conclude when probation expires; and,

15 WHEREAS, The cost of requiring the Office of the Public Defender to retain non-felony
16 case files indefinitely is significant over a period of time; and,

17 WHEREAS, The destruction of non-felony case files eight years after the final
18 disposition of the case will decrease the file storage costs of approximately 570 boxes for
19 20,000 misdemeanor cases at seventeen (17) cents per box by \$100.00 a year; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Office of the Public
22 Defender to destroy non-felony case files eight years after the final disposition of the case.

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