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7 WHEREAS, The ARENA party has controlled the executive branch of government of  
8 El Salvador since the signing of Peace Accords in 1992, which ended a civil war that left  
9 70,000 dead; and

10 WHEREAS, Because of a history of electoral fraud, it was necessary for more than  
11 4,000 international election observers to go to El Salvador during the 2009 presidential  
12 elections to ensure free and fair participation; and

13 WHEREAS, The historic election of Mauricio Funes of the Farabundo Martí National  
14 Liberation (FMLN) party on March 15, 2009 as President of El Salvador represents an end to  
15 decades of injustice and oppression, beginning a new political for El Salvador; and

16 WHEREAS, More than 3.2 million Salvadorans live in the U.S. and more than 40,000  
17 live in the San Francisco Bay Area alone; and

18 WHEREAS, Salvadoran immigrants have contributed to the area's economic growth  
19 and cultural diversity; and

20 WHEREAS, A delegation from San Francisco was among a group of 4,000  
21 international election observers that participated in the monitoring of El Salvador's 2009  
22 presidential election; and

1           WHEREAS, Through the efforts of then Supervisor Tom Ammiano, San Francisco  
2 established a Sister City relationship with the City of Santa Tecla in El Salvador in 2001; now,  
3 therefore, be it

4           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors congratulates President  
5 Elect Mauricio Funes in his electoral victory; and now, therefore, be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
7 Francisco is interested in strengthening its relationship with its Sister City, Santa Tecla, for the  
8 benefit and in recognition of Salvadoran immigrants and Salvadoran Americans living in San  
9 Francisco.

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