

1 [Lights on Afterschool.]

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3 **Resolution commending *Lights On Afterschool!***

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5 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco stands firmly committed to quality
6 afterschool programs and opportunities; and,

7 WHEREAS, afterschool programs and opportunities provide safe, challenging,
8 engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social,
9 emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills; and,

10 WHEREAS, afterschool programs and opportunities support working families by
11 ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends; and,

12 WHEREAS, afterschool programs and opportunities build stronger communities by
13 involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our
14 young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and
15 adults; and,

16 WHEREAS, afterschool programs and opportunities engage families, schools and
17 diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children; and,

18 WHEREAS, quality afterschool programs are key to helping our children become
19 successful adults; and,

20 WHEREAS, *Lights On Afterschool!*, a national celebration of afterschool programs on
21 October 20, promotes the critical importance of quality afterschool programs in the lives of
22 children, their families and their communities; and,

23 WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside
24 the home, and 14.3 million children have no place to go after school; and,

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1 WHEREAS, many afterschool programs across the country are facing funding
2 shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED that Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 commends *Lights On Afterschool!* and is committed to innovative afterschool programs and
6 activities that ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after
7 school.

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