## ERRATA

To correct Page one, line 14, format, by inserting an "indent";

To correct Page one, line 23, by correcting "diverse" to "diversity";

To correct Page two, line 15, by capitilizing the word "community" to "Community";

To correct Page two, line 22, by deleting the "s" from "lesbians, gays" to "lesbian, gay".

Glória L. Young

Clerk of the Board

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[Commending Israeli Queer Community]

COMMENDING THE JEWISH COMMUNITY FEDERATION FOR ITS ASSIDUOUS WORK IN BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE AMERICAN AND ISRAELI QUEER COMMUNITIES AND FURTHER COMMENDING TEL AVIV CITY COUNCILWOMAN MICHAL EDEN, THE ONLY OPENLY GAY POLITICIAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FURTHER COMMENDING THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE ISRAELI SUPREME COURT FOR ENACTING LEGISLATION UPHOLDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS AND FURTHER COMMENDING ISRAELI COMMUNITY ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SECOND ANNUAL GAY PRIDE PARADE AND CELEBRATION AND FURTHER EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO MICHAL EDEN AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ISRAELI QUEER COMMUNITY TO VISIT SAN FRANCISCO AS OFFICIAL GUESTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

WHEREAS, The Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, the Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma Counties (JCF), has embarked on a program to build mutually beneficial relationships between the San Francisco Jewish community in general, its lesbian and gay members in particular, and the lesbian and gay community in Israel; and

WHEREAS, The JCF recently sponsored a groundbreaking gay pride tour of Israel, "Exploring Israel, A Journey of Pride", focusing on the gay community's social, cultural, and political institutions; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco City Hall was represented on this delegation in Israel by a member of the Department of Administrative Services who joined members of various San Francisco and other Jewish Synagogues, and as well as delegates representing the diversity of Bay Area communities; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco delegation observed how the leadership of the queer community in Israel has successfully created the only open and vital queer community in the Middle East, with inspiring organizations such as the Association of Gay Men, Lesbians, Bisexuals, and Transgenders in Israel (Agudah), the Jerusalem Open House, and other centers in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa, queer youth groups throughout the country, a queer hotline, newspapers, and a radio program, as well as a well organized civil rights lobby; and

WHEREAS, The only openly queer elected official in the Middle East is Tel Aviv City Councilwoman, Michal Eden; and

WHEREAS, The delegation observed how the State of Israel has enacted a wide range of gay rights legislation including employment protection and non-discrimination in the military including the provision of same sex survivor benefits; and

WHEREAS, The queer community of Israel celebrates Gay Pride this month with a large parade down Tel Aviv's Ibn Givirol Street; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco commends the Jewish Community Federation for its assiduous work to build a bridge to the queer community of Israel; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Councilwoman Michal Eden and the entire lesbian and gay community of Israel for its many accomplishments; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the State of Israel and the Israel Supreme Court for enacting legislation which upholds the human rights and dignity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Israel; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the Israeli queer community on the occasion of its second annual Gay Pride Parade and festivities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors extends an invitation through the Jewish Community Federation to Michal Eden and other leaders of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community in Israel to visit San Francisco as official guests of the City and County of San Francisco.