

1 [Commending Deputy City Attorney Claire M. Sylvia.]

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3 **Resolution commending Claire M. Sylvia for ten years of exemplary public service to**
4 **San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney and Head of the Ethics and Elections Team of**
5 **the City Attorney's Office, and wishing her well in her future endeavors.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco wishes to
8 honor Claire M. Sylvia, who has given ten years of dedicated and exemplary public service to
9 San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney, first under City Attorney Louise H. Renne and then
10 under City Attorney Dennis J. Herrera, and who is now leaving the City Attorney's Office to
11 represent whistleblowers in cases against those who commit fraud against the government; and,

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia has successfully represented the City in many significant matters
13 of great public interest, and has devoted her extraordinary talents to advising the offices and
14 officials of the City and County of San Francisco, including the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor,
15 the Ethics Commission, the Elections Commission, and many other City boards, commissions,
16 agencies and officials; and,

17 WHEREAS, The City, its voters and residents have benefited tremendously from Ms.
18 Sylvia's exemplary leadership and knowledge of campaign finance, lobbying, and governmental
19 ethics laws; and,

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia has distinguished herself among her peers in the fields of
21 governmental and legal ethics, and in her spare time has authored a treatise on the federal
22 False Claims Act; and,

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia has played an integral role in providing ethics training to City
24 officials and employees and has co-authored the City Attorney's Good Government Legal
25 Guide since its inception; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout her career in City government, Ms. Sylvia has excelled as a
2 problem solver, helping to protect the integrity and honor of City officials and their
3 governmental decisions; and,

4 WHEREAS, As a supervisor of the City Attorney's Ethics and Elections Team, Ms.
5 Sylvia has motivated her colleagues to do their finest legal work and realize their maximum
6 potential, has done an outstanding job in implementing training programs in substantive areas
7 of the law, and has been a delight for her clients to work with; and,

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia's adherence to the highest standards of ethical conduct has
9 ennobled public service, her strong work ethic has set an example for others, and her legal
10 skills, calm demeanor, caring nature and thoughtfulness have earned the respect of all of her
11 clients and peers; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Sylvia's colleagues in the City Attorney's Office have valued her for
13 her skill and proficiency, for her astute counsel, good judgment, leadership, commitment,
14 productivity, perseverance, efficiency, energy, integrity, sense of humor and – most of all –
15 her friendship, and they will dearly miss having her in the Office; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
17 hereby commends Claire Marie Sylvia for her ten years of exemplary public service for the City
18 and County, its voters and residents; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors is grateful for Ms. Sylvia's
20 contributions and dedications to the many government officials, employees and residents she
21 has served during her tenure; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors wishes Ms. Sylvia well in her
23 future endeavors in fighting fraud against the government.