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[Supporting community meeting]

SUPPORTING HOLDING A COMMUNITY MEETING IN THE WESTERN ADDITION REGARDING THE IMPACT OF KING'S MARKET ON THE COMMUNITY AND URGING POLICE CHIEF FRED LAU AND MAYOR WILLIE BROWN TO CREATE A COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, Certain areas of the Western Addition are riddled with criminal activity; and,

WHEREAS, King's Market on Webster has become a haven for loitering and drug pushing, thus exacerbating the crime problem in the area; and

WHEREAS, There seems to be a clear causal connection between the heinous, brutal murder of 70 year old Joyce Ruger, a neighborhood activist who died in a fouralarm blaze in her Western Addition home on August 16, 1998 and the criminal activity around King's market; and,

WHEREAS, residents of the Western Addition have expressed a sincere interest in holding a community meeting regarding the impact of King's market on the community; and,

WHEREAS, In order to effectively abate problems of this nature, it is imperative to have an active community policing program; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to creating a community policing program, the San Francisco Police Department should conduct an investigation to determine if the criminal activity around King's market constitutes a public nuisance and if it concludes that it is a

public nuisance, action should be taken in order to relieve the neighbors from crime, stress and loss of life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports holding a community meeting in the Western Addition regarding the impact of King's Market on the community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That Police Chief Fred Lau and Mayor Willie Brown are urged to create a community policing program.

Supervisor Brown, Leno, Newsom, Ammiano, BIERMAN

Adopted - Board of Supervisors, San Francisco September 14, 1998

Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Bierman Brown Katz Kaufman Leno

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Absent: Supervisor Yee

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco

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