

1 [Supporting Community Development Block Grant Program.]

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3 **Resolution urging the U.S. Congress to allocate \$4.3 billion in funding for the fiscal**
4 **year 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted,
7 and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Title I, Housing and
8 Community Development Act of 1974; and,

9 WHEREAS, The CDBG program has helped to create and sustain viable urban
10 communities, by providing funding for services and affordable housing and expanding
11 economic opportunities for persons of low and moderate income; and,

12 WHEREAS, The CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to
13 carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood
14 revitalization needs; and,

15 WHEREAS, Throughout its 32-year history, the CDBG program has been a successful
16 partnership among the federal, state and local governments, and the business and nonprofit
17 sectors which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and
18 moderate income families; and,

19 WHEREAS, Each year the Mayor's Office of Community Development prepares an
20 application and proposals for the acceptance and expenditure of CDBG funds on behalf of the
21 City and County of San Francisco; and,

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco will receive \$21,869,337 in CDBG funds in fiscal year 2006,
23 a reduction of 9.4% from fiscal year 2005, to support essential activities, such as housing
24 rehabilitation, public space improvements, public services and economic development
25 projects that primarily benefit our low and moderate income residents and communities; and,

Supervisors Elsbernd, Maxwell, Daly; Mayor's Office of Community Development

1 WHEREAS, President Bush’s proposed fiscal year 2007 budget reduces CDBG
2 formula grants by \$1 billion or twenty-five percent (25%); and,

3 WHEREAS, Should such a proposal be enacted, it would have a devastating effect on
4 San Francisco, reducing the City’s CDBG allocation to \$16,402,000, resulting in a cumulative
5 reduction of 36.5% since 2001, and the elimination of many essential services and supports to
6 our most fragile residents and communities; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors urge the United States
8 Congress and other elected officials to take immediate steps to support a fiscal year 2007
9 federal budget allocation of \$4.3 billion for the Community Development Block Grant Program
10 as a critical resource for our low and moderate-income residents and communities; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors designate the
12 week of April 17 through April 22, 2006 as “Community Development Block Grant Week” in
13 support and recognition of this valuable program, and the tremendous contributions made by
14 this program to the viability of affordable housing stock, neighborhoods and infrastructure in
15 San Francisco.

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