

1 [Urging Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Senator Don Perata to support placing the
2 \$10 billion bond measure to fund a high-speed rail system between San Francisco and Los
3 Angeles on the November 2006 ballot]

4 **Resolution urging Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and Senator Don Perata to**
5 **support placing the \$10 billion bond measure to fund a high-speed rail system between**
6 **San Francisco and Los Angeles on the November 2006 ballot.**

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8 WHEREAS, California suffers from some of the worst air pollution in the country with
9 the most affected area being the Central Valley; and,

10 WHEREAS, In addition to increased highway congestion, the influx of millions of new
11 cars will impact our nation's already dwindling fuel supplies; and,

12 WHEREAS, In order to meet future transportation needs without high-speed rail
13 California will need to build 3000 new miles of highway lanes, 60 new airline gates and five
14 additional runways; and,

15 WHEREAS, California's population is projected to increase by 10 million people by the
16 year 2020; and,

17 WHEREAS, California's transportation infrastructure is already extended beyond
18 capacity; and,

19 WHEREAS, A trip from San Francisco to Los Angeles by bullet train would travel at
20 220 miles per hour and take two and a half hours, carrying over 100,000 passengers daily;
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, High-speed rail would reduce the number of daily car trips through the
23 Central Valley by the thousands, thereby significantly reducing emissions from vehicles and
24 fuel consumption; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Any plans to alleviate current congestion that do not take projected
2 population growth into consideration are a stop-gap and short-sighted approach to an
3 imminent transportation and ecological disaster; and,

4 WHEREAS, Efforts to secure funding for a high-speed rail system will require strong
5 leadership and a willingness to plan for future generations of Californians; and,

6 WHEREAS, Governor Schwarzenegger's \$222 billion public works bond includes no
7 funding for high-speed rail; and,

8 WHEREAS, Building a high-speed rail system is projected to cost \$33 billion; and,

9 WHEREAS, The first \$10 billion of the project could be funded by a proposed bond
10 measure to be placed on the November ballot; now, therefore be it,

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Governor Arnold
12 Schwarzenegger and Senator Don Perata to support placing the \$10 billion bond measure to
13 fund a high-speed rail system between San Francisco and Los Angeles on the November,
14 2006 ballot; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy
16 of this resolution to the Office of the Governor; and be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy
18 of this resolution to the Office of Senator Don Perata; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall send a copy
20 of this resolution to the Offices of the Members of the Bay Area Delegation to the State
21 Legislature.