

1 [U.S. Census Litigation.]

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3 **Resolution urging the City Attorney to seek leave of court to permit the City to**
4 **participate in the litigation challenging the new U.S. Commerce Department rule.**

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6 WHEREAS, The U.S. Commerce Department has issued a new rule that transfers
7 from career Census Bureau officials to the Secretary of Commerce the final authority to
8 determine whether to adjust raw census data to correct for undercounts; and

9 WHEREAS, The transfer of authority will make it more likely that the census data will
10 not be adjusted to correct for undercounts; and,

11 WHEREAS, These undercounts disproportionately disadvantage urban areas such as
12 San Francisco that are home to recent immigrants, growing minority populations, the
13 homeless and other groups that have proven to be more difficult to count than the rest of the
14 population; and,

15 WHEREAS, Final census data is used to apportion federal and state funding and for
16 congressional, legislative and local redistricting, and if the new rule remains in effect, and the
17 Secretary of Commerce chooses not to correct raw census data to reflect undercounts, that
18 decision could affect the amount of federal and state funding received by the City as well as
19 redistricting decisions affecting the City; and;

20 WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles and a number of other cities have filed a lawsuit
21 challenging the new rule; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
23 urges the City Attorney to seek leave of court to permit the City to participate in the litigation
24 challenging the new U.S. Commerce Department rule.

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Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 5, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.