

1 [Resolution urging State and Federal government to participate in funding of the seismic  
2 upgrade and restoration program for the Old Mint.]

3 **Resolution urging the Federal government to participate in funding of the seismic**  
4 **upgrade and restoration program for the Old Mint by appropriating \$10 million over the**  
5 **next three years, and also urging the California State Legislature to appropriate a**  
6 **comparable amount of \$10 million from Proposition 40 funds to further its restoration.**  
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8 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has negotiated with the Federal  
9 General Services Administration (GSA) for the transfer to the City of the Old Mint at Fifth and  
10 Mission Streets; and

11 WHEREAS, The City has reached agreement with the GSA on the terms of said  
12 transfer; and,

13 WHEREAS, The City is willing to accept title to the Old Mint, provided a fitting public  
14 use for the building is determined and a realistic funding program for the rehabilitation,  
15 maintenance and operation of the Old Mint is identified; and,

16 WHEREAS, In mid-June the Mayor's Office of Economic Development issued a  
17 Request for Proposals for the lease of the Old Mint; and,

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society, the City's officially  
19 designated history museum, responded to the Request for Proposals; and,

20 WHEREAS, The City is now reviewing the Society's response and anticipates entering  
21 into negotiations with the Society for an exclusive development agreement; and,

22 WHEREAS, The City's Congressional and State Legislative delegations have  
23 expressed support for both the proposed re-use of the Old Mint as a public museum and a  
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1 public-private partnership to fund the restoration project, as evidenced by letters of support  
2 submitted with the Society's response; and,

3 WHEREAS, in March 2002, the people of California approved Proposition 40 to  
4 provide monies for parks, open space and public facilities, including over \$250,000,000 for  
5 museums and cultural resources; and,

6 WHEREAS, The Federal government, as the owner of the Old Mint for almost 130  
7 years should participate with the State and City in the seismic upgrade and restoration costs;  
8 now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco respectfully urges the  
10 Congress of the United States to appropriate \$10 million over the next three years towards  
11 the seismic and life safety improvements required to the Old Mint before it can be occupied;  
12 and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco respectfully urges  
14 the California State Legislature to appropriate a like amount of \$10 million dollars from  
15 Proposition 40 funds to further the restoration of the historically significant Old Mint; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor is requested to take all steps necessary to  
17 inform our Congressional and State Legislative delegations of the priority given this request  
18 and to encourage favorable legislative action.

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