

1 [Ethics Commission – Screening, Ethics Training and Additional Policies]

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3 **Resolution urging the Ethics Commission to conduct a public hearing and develop and**
4 **present to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and other City elective officeholders**
5 **recommended procedures for: screening applicants to City commissions and for at-will**
6 **employment; training City commissioners and staff regarding City conflict-of-interest**
7 **and Sunshine requirements; and additional policies to maintain ethical conduct.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is governed by the following
10 elective offices: Mayor, Board of Supervisors, City Attorney, District Attorney, Assessor-
11 Recorder, Public Defender, Sheriff and Treasurer; and

12 WHEREAS, Effective transition from one officeholder to another, including screening
13 applicants for at-will employment and training City commissioners and staff regarding City
14 conflict-of-interest and Sunshine requirements, is critical to the operation of City government;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The City Attorney currently publishes the “Overview of the Laws
17 Governing the Conduct of Public Officials”;

18 WHEREAS, The current administration has employed Citywide trainings to provide
19 ethics, conflict-of-interest and Sunshine training to City commissioners;

20 WHEREAS, The Ethics Commission is currently undertaking an exhaustive review of
21 City conflict-of-interest provisions that may yield a proposal for voter consideration; and

22 WHEREAS, In November 2003, San Francisco voters will elect a Mayor and District
23 Attorney; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Ethics Commission to conduct a
2 public hearing for the purpose of developing and presenting to the Mayor, the Board of
3 Supervisors and other City elective officeholders recommended procedures for the following:

4 (a) screening applicants to City commissions and for at-will employment;

5 (b) training City commissioners and staff regarding City conflict-of-interest and
6 Sunshine requirements; and

7 (c) additional policies to maintain ethical conduct, including department-specific
8 recommendations; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors hereby urges Ethics Commission to
10 present its recommendations to the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and other City elective
11 officeholders by November 10, 2003; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Ethics Commission
13 to invite good government groups including, but not limited to Common Cause, the League of
14 Women Voters and the Center for Governmental Studies to provide comment on these
15 issues.