

1 [Resolution endorsing the bill of rights established by the San Francisco Children of
2 Incarcerated Parents Partnership and urging relevant city agencies to work together towards
3 its implementation]
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6 **Incarcerated Parents Partnership and urging relevant city agencies to work together its**
7 **implementation to reduce recidivism for parents and improve outcomes for children.**
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9 WHEREAS, As many as one in ten children in California have a parent in jail, in prison,
10 on parole, or probation; and

11 WHEREAS, Studies indicate that maintaining family bonds during incarceration
12 reduces recidivism for parents and improves outcomes for children; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership
14 (SFCIPP) has developed a bill of rights for children of incarcerated parents and is working
15 with multiple city agencies to implement it; and

16 WHEREAS, This Bill of Rights gives the child the right to be kept safe and informed at
17 the time of the parent's arrest, to be heard when decisions are made about them, to be
18 considered when decisions are made about the parent, to be well cared for in the absence of
19 the parent, to speak with, see, and touch his or her parent, to support in the struggle with the
20 parent's incarceration, to not be judged, blamed, or labeled because a parent is incarcerated,
21 and to a lifelong relationship with the parent; and

22 WHEREAS, The City can improve its rate of recidivism and improve outcomes for
23 youth by providing: access to jail visiting facilities that are child-centered, transportation for
24 children to visit incarcerated parents, opportunities with people who are trained to address the
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1 unique needs of children of incarcerated parents, and by creating opportunities for children of
2 incarcerated parents to communicate with and support each other; and

3 WHEREAS, Training staff at institutions whose constituency includes children of
4 incarcerated parents—such as schools, foster care agencies, probation departments, juvenile
5 detention facilities and child care programs—to recognize and address these children’s needs
6 will help guide children through the difficult time following a parent’s arrest; and

7 WHEREAS, Multiple city agencies—including, but not limited to, schools, the
8 Department of Human Services, the Police Department, the Probation Department, the
9 Sheriff’s Department, and the Youth Guidance Center—connect with and have the
10 opportunity to improve the prospects of the children of incarcerated parents; now, therefore
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and endorses
13 the above bill of rights, and encourages city agencies whose constituency includes the
14 children of incarcerated parents to work together towards implementation; and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors encourages the
16 relevant agencies to consider the following means of achieving the implementation of the
17 rights: creating access to jail visiting facilities that are child-centered; offering transportation
18 for children to visit incarcerated parents, providing access to people who are trained to
19 address the unique needs of children of incarcerated parents, and by creating opportunities
20 for children of incarcerated parents to communicate with and support each other.



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Resolution

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June 14, 2005 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee

July 26, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED


Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Daly

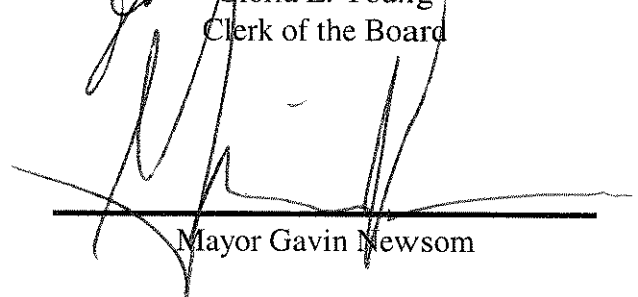
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on July 26, 2005 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.

JUL 29 2005
Date Approved



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom