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[Preservation of Neighborhood Theatres.]

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A
COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF NEIGHBORHOOD
THEATRES ON THE CHARACTER AND ECONOMIC VITALITY OF NEIGHBORHOOD
COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.**

WHEREAS, San Francisco has a proud tradition of neighborhoods and thriving commercial districts that reflect the diverse character of the City;

WHEREAS, movie theatres serve as important anchors in many of these neighborhood commercial districts, helping generate traffic critical for the economic vitality of surrounding retail stores, restaurants and other small businesses;

WHEREAS, movie theatres contribute to the unique character of our neighborhoods and significantly enhance the quality of life of the City's residents;

WHEREAS, many of these movie theatres are architecturally significant neighborhood landmarks that have served as focal points for community life for decades;

WHEREAS, over the last twenty years, San Francisco has lost over thirty-five movie theatres, including such neighborhood institutions as the Alhambra Theatre (Russian Hill), the Avenue Theatre (Silver Terrace), the Haight Theatre (Haight-Ashbury), the Apollo Theatre (Excelsior), the New Mission Theatre (Mission), the Coliseum Theatre (Richmond), the Parkside Theatre (Taraval), the Pagoda Palace (North Beach), the Noe Theatre (Noe Valley),

1 the Surf Theatre (Outer Sunset), the El Capitan Theatre (Mission) and the El Rey Theatre
2 (Ingleside);

3 WHEREAS, many of the remaining neighborhood theatres are threatened with
4 potential closure or conversion in near future, including such theatres as the Cinema 21
5 (Marina), the Roxie (Mission), the Coronet (Richmond), the Metro (Pacific Heights), the
6 Presidio (Marina), the Balboa (Richmond), the Vogue (Presidio Heights) and the Empire
7 (West Portal); now, therefore, be it
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9 RESOLVED, that the Planning Department conduct a comprehensive study on the
10 impact of the loss of neighborhood theatres on the character and economic vitality of
11 neighborhood commercial districts and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors
12 on the steps the local government can take to preserve and maintain San Francisco's
13 neighborhood theatres; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Department work in cooperation with other
15 relevant city departments, including, but not limited to the Mayor's Office of Economic
16 Development, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood & Community Services, the Small Business
17 Commission and the Film Commission, in the preparation of this study and its
18 recommendations.
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Date Passed:

Resolution requesting the Planning Department to conduct a comprehensive study on the impact of the loss of neighborhood theatres on the character and economic vitality of neighborhood commercial districts.

April 15, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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 April 15, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: April 26, 2002

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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