

1 [Supporting the California Clean Money.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the California Clean Money Campaign and its efforts to qualify**  
4 **for the November 2004 ballot.**

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6 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco is  
7 increasingly concerned about the significant role that large monetary contributions continue to  
8 play in political campaigns; and

9 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors also is seriously concerned that such a  
10 significant role by monetary contributions in election campaigns creates the appearance that  
11 contributions influence public policy decisions at all levels of government; and,

12 WHEREAS, the appearance of monetary influence on election outcomes and on  
13 government decisions undermines citizens' motivation to vote, deters potentially strong  
14 candidates from running, and thus compromises the entire democratic process; and,

15 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes that one effective counter to the flood  
16 of special interest money in elections is the creation of a "Clean Money" campaign finance  
17 system in California, whereby candidates agree to limit spending in return for receiving a set  
18 amount of public funding to run for a declared office; and,

19 WHEREAS, the states of Maine and Arizona already have demonstrated that a "Clean  
20 Money" campaign finance system leads to more competitive races and a greater diversity of  
21 candidates being elected to state offices; and,

22 WHEREAS, The voters of San Francisco in November 2000 approved Proposition O,  
23 a measure which provides for the partial public financing of board of supervisor elections, and  
24 which shows great promise to make election campaigns more competitive and fair, to  
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reinforce campaign spending limits, and to renew voters' faith in our electoral system; now  
therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports the California "Clean  
Money" Campaign and its efforts to qualify for the November 2004 state ballot.

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