

1 [Urging State to Pay Expenses for Special Election.]

2

3 **Resolution urging the California State Legislature to introduce and support legislation**
4 **to pay for the expenses authorized and incurred in the preparation for and conduct of**
5 **the special election proclaimed by the Governor, and the special primary election**
6 **required by law, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Member of Congress from the**
7 **12th Congressional District.**

8

9 WHEREAS, on February 12, 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger ordered a special
10 election to be held on June 3, 2008 within the 12th Congressional District to fill the vacancy in
11 the office of the Member of Congress from said district resulting from the passing of
12 Congressman Tom Lantos; and

13 WHEREAS, Section 10704 of the California Elections Code requires that a special
14 primary election be held on the eighth Tuesday preceding the day of the special general
15 election; and,

16 WHEREAS, the special primary election to fill the vacancy in the 12th Congressional
17 District will be held on April 8, 2008; and,

18 WHEREAS, the 12th Congressional district encompasses portions of San Mateo and
19 San Francisco Counties, including nearly 80,000 San Francisco voters in 107 precincts in San
20 Francisco Supervisorial Districts 4, 5, 7 and 8; and,

21 WHEREAS, under existing law, expenses authorized and incurred in preparation for
22 and the conduct of such an election are paid from the county treasuries; and,

23 WHEREAS, the California Elections Code has at various times, including most recently
24 a provision operative from January 1, 2007 until January 1, 2008, allowed that expenses

25

1 incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of United
2 States Senator or Representative in Congress are to be paid by the state; and,

3 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Elections estimates that the special
4 primary election to be held on April 8, 2008 will cost approximately \$1,000,000; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 hereby urges its State Assembly Members and Senators, by letter and receipt of this
8 resolution, to introduce and support legislation to pay for the expenses authorized and
9 incurred in the preparation for and conduct of the special election proclaimed by the Governor,
10 and the special primary election required by law, to fill the vacancy in the office of the Member
11 of Congress from the 12th Congressional District.

12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25