

1 [2010 Census Count.]

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3 **Resolution Calling for an Accurate, Fair and Inclusive Count of All San Francisco**
4 **Residents in the 2010 Census.**

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6 WHEREAS, The decennial Census determines the representation, services and the
7 allocation of billions of dollars per year in federal and state funding; and

8 WHEREAS, The U.S. Census Bureau has committed to conducting the most accurate
9 count of the nation's people in the 2010 Census, but faces a daunting task of accurately
10 counting a U.S. population that is far more diverse, dispersed and complex than ever; and

11 WHEREAS, A growing displacement of people due to job losses, home foreclosures,
12 and abandonment of entire neighborhoods will pose new challenges to traditional counting
13 efforts, and the Census Bureau's address canvassing efforts may not effectively identify
14 individuals living with relatives or friends, or those living in non-standard dwellings such as
15 tents, cars, motels, and unregistered rooms in private houses and SROs; and

16 WHEREAS, The economic downturn and lack of funding to support local, community-
17 based outreach efforts will have a severe negative effect on the Census Bureau's ability to
18 produce an accurate count, particularly of historically undercounted, vulnerable populations,
19 including communities of color, low income, immigrant, limited or non-English-speaking
20 populations, and children under age ten; and

21 WHEREAS, The landscape for the nation has changed dramatically over the last ten
22 years, and San Francisco now faces unprecedented levels of unemployment, economic
23 instability and challenges in meeting the growing needs of our residents; and

24 WHEREAS, At least 100,000 San Francisco residents were left out of the 2000
25 Census, costing the City over \$300 million in federal dollars over the past 10 years; and

1 WHEREAS, San Francisco needs its fair share of \$300 billion distributed by the federal
2 government each year, and counting every single San Francisco resident in the 2010 Census
3 will allow the City to maintain at least \$255 million of annual funding to support critical safety
4 net programs and services to residents; and

5 WHEREAS, On November 6, 2001, 56% of the voters passed Proposition G,
6 mandating the use of Census data at the census block level, as released by the United States
7 Census Bureau that is statistically adjusted by the Bureau to correct the unadjusted census
8 counts for any measured undercount or overcount of any subset of the population according
9 to the bureau's Accuracy and Coverage Evaluation or any other sampling method, to be used
10 in any analysis of population requirements and application of the rule of one person one vote;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Low-income, minority, and underserved populations are often
13 disconnected from mainstream civic institutions, and participation in the decennial census is a
14 critical first step to engagement; and

15 WHEREAS, Immigrants are 37 percent of San Francisco's population, with over 30
16 percent of K-12 students in the San Francisco Unified School District enrolled as English
17 Language Learners and 46 percent of the population speaking a language other than English
18 at home; and

19 WHEREAS, This Board of Supervisors recently passed a Resolution calling for the
20 recognition of legally married same-sex couples in the 2010 Census and for federal agencies
21 to include lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in all federal surveys and data
22 collection; and

23 WHEREAS, Title 13 of the U.S. Constitution guarantees that all information collected
24 during the Census is confidential and that violating the confidentiality of a respondent is a
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1 federal crime with serious penalties; therefore, the Census must be conducted in line with San
2 Francisco's Sanctuary City Ordinance; and

3 WHEREAS, Raids by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the serving of
4 foreclosure notices have increased public fear and distrust of government, making it more
5 likely for residents to be unwilling to open their doors to Census Bureau workers; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will do everything within its
8 powers to ensure an Accurate, Fair and Inclusive Count of All San Francisco Residents in the
9 2010 Census and to secure all federal dollars available to the City; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges every San
11 Franciscan to participate in the 2010 Census and commits to working closely with the Mayor,
12 the Office of Civic Engagement & Immigrant Affairs and the San Francisco Complete Count
13 Committee to mobilize the city's rich network of community-based organizations, businesses,
14 educational and health institutions, formal and informal leaders, and elected officials; and, be
15 it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Secretary of Commerce
17 Gary Locke and U.S. Census Bureau officials to build public confidence about the 2010
18 Census, to ensure that every San Francisco resident is counted in a fair, inclusive and
19 thorough manner.

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