

**Amendment of the Whole
January 23, 2006.**

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RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Condemning the ~~Government of the People's Republic of China~~ for its persecution of Falun
2 Gong practitioners]

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4 **Resolution condemning the ~~People's Republic of China~~ for its persecution of Falun
5 Gong practitioners, and expressing the position of the City and County of San
6 Francisco to Federal Officials, ~~the Mayor of Shanghai and the Chinese Consulate~~ and
7 urging federal officials and the State Department to follow United States Congress
8 Resolution 304, and stating that the views expressed by Falun Gong practitioners are
9 not officially sanctioned by the City and County of San Francisco.**

10 WHEREAS, ~~Falun Gong is a peaceful meditation and spiritual practice that originated~~
11 ~~in the People's Republic of China and is now practiced around the world including the United~~
12 ~~States; and~~

13 WHEREAS, ~~Falun Gong practitioners in the People's Republic of China, the United~~
14 ~~States, and the rest of the world have always been peaceful and non-violent while advocating~~
15 ~~the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance; and~~

16 WHEREAS, ~~according to various sources including the United States State~~
17 ~~Department and Amnesty International, since 1999 the Government of the People's Republic~~
18 ~~of China has continued a most brutal crackdown on Falun Gong practitioners, which includes~~
19 ~~beatings and torture, confinement in labor camps, prisons and mental hospitals, rape, sexual~~
20 ~~assault, forced abortion, and over one hundred methods of extreme physical and mental~~
21 ~~torture; and~~

22 WHEREAS, ~~thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been confirmed killed in~~
23 ~~police custody, tens of thousands have been tortured and hundreds of thousand have been~~
24 ~~arrested for their belief; and~~

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1 ~~WHEREAS, according to Falun Gong sources and on clearwisdom.net, in Shanghai, in~~
2 ~~2005, the sister city of the City of San Francisco, thousands of Falun Dafa practitioners were~~
3 ~~persecuted by the Chinese, including hundreds of people detained and four people killed; and~~

4 ~~WHEREAS, official measures have been taken to conceal all atrocities, such as the~~
5 ~~immediate cremation of victims, the blocking of autopsies, and the false labeling of deaths as~~
6 ~~from suicide or natural causes; and~~

7 ~~WHEREAS, ¶The persecution of Falun Gong violates the Constitution of the People's~~
8 ~~Republic of China as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the~~
9 ~~Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and~~

10 ~~WHEREAS, propaganda from the state-controlled media, such as Chinese Central~~
11 ~~Television, projected within and outside the People's Republic of China has inundated the~~
12 ~~public, including residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area in an attempt to breed hatred~~
13 ~~and discrimination; and~~

14 ~~WHEREAS, the campaign of persecution has been generated by the Government of~~
15 ~~the People's Republic of China, is carried out by government officials and police at all levels,~~
16 ~~and has permeated every segment of society and every level of government in the People's~~
17 ~~Republic of China; and~~

18 ~~WHEREAS, Chinese consular officials have pressured local elected officials in the City~~
19 ~~of San Francisco to refuse or withdraw support for the Falun Gong spiritual group;~~

20 ~~WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners have been excluded purposely from numerous~~
21 ~~Chinese community events in San Francisco due to the pressure from the Chinese~~
22 ~~government on the organizers; and~~

23 ~~WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Lee, a United States citizen and San Francisco Bay Area~~
24 ~~resident, has reportedly been mentally and physically tortured since being detained by~~
25 ~~Chinese authorities in early 2003; and~~

1 ~~WHEREAS, individuals that physically harassed Falun Gong practitioners in San~~
2 ~~Francisco on October 22, 2000, were later seen at anti-Falun Gong meetings and the~~
3 ~~Chinese Consulate in San Francisco; and~~

4 WHEREAS, ~~the~~ Constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of religion, the
5 right to assemble, and the right to speak freely, and the city of San Francisco has been a
6 champion in promoting human rights; and

7 WHEREAS, ~~in~~ 2004, the United States Congress House of Representatives (with the
8 United States Senate concurring) passed a concurrent resolution, Resolution 304, expressing
9 the sense of Congress regarding oppression by the Government of the People's Republic of
10 China of Falun Gong in the United States and in China~~condemning the Government of the~~
11 ~~People's Republic of China for its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, calling upon the~~
12 ~~immediate release from detention, and cessation of harassment of all Falun Gong practitioners~~
13 ~~and urging the President of the United States to issue an official public demarche, a formal~~
14 ~~protest, to the Chinese Foreign Ministry; now, therefore, be it~~

15 RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors that the
16 ~~Government of the People's Republic of China should cease its persecution of Falun Gong~~
17 ~~practitioners; and its representatives in the United States should cease their harassment of~~
18 ~~citizens and residents of the United States who practice Falun Gong and cease their attempts~~
19 ~~to put pressure on local governments and institutions in San Francisco to refuse or withdraw~~
20 ~~support for the Falun Gong and its practitioners~~should be free from persecution within the City
21 and County of San Francisco and that appropriate City agencies, including the Police
22 Department and Human Rights Commission should protect the rights and safety of Falun
23 Gong practitioners; and, be it

24 ~~FURTHER RESOLVED, the City and County of San Francisco should use every~~
25 ~~appropriate means to urge the Government of the People's Republic of China to:~~

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1 (A) Release from prisons and labor camps all Falun Gong practitioners who have been
2 illegally arrested, as well as other prisoners of conscience.

3 (B) Abide by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal
4 Declaration of Human Rights by allowing Falun Gong practitioners to pursue their
5 personal beliefs; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
7 of Supervisors to:

8 (A) Send a letter to the Mayor of Shanghai to address the concern over the
9 persecution of Falun Gong in Shanghai; and

10 (B) Send a copy of this resolution to the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco to
11 address concern of the persecution of Falun Gong in China and the activities of the
12 consulate in San Francisco to encourage discrimination and breed hate against Falun
13 Gong in San Francisco; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will urges federal
15 officials to

16 (A) Issue a formal protest to the Chinese Foreign Ministry in response to the repeated
17 violations by the Chinese Government of basic human rights protected in international
18 covenants to which the People's Republic of China is a signatory; and be it

19 (B) Continue their stance in support of Falun Gong as articulated in United States
20 Congress Resolution 304; and be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED. That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors explicitly states
22 that the views expressed by Falun Gong practitioners are not officially sanctioned by
23 the City and County of San Francisco, and that this resolution in no way encourages
24 the practice of any particular faith, philosophy, religion or belief system, including but
25 not limited to Falun Gong.

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