

1 [Department of Children, Youth and Their Families Community Needs Assessment]

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3 **Resolution approving the Community Needs Assessment developed by the Department**
4 **of Children, Youth and Their Families in accordance with Section 16.108 of the San**
5 **Francisco Charter.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Children’s Amendment (Charter Section 16.108) mandated that the
8 Department of Children, Youth and their Families spearhead the city’s overall planning for
9 children’s services to set forth a three-year framework for the goals and objectives of children
10 and youth services citywide; and,

11 WHEREAS, In 2002, the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the Mayor
12 and the Board of Supervisors adopted goals for San Francisco’s children and youth through
13 the first Community Needs Assessment; and,

14 WHEREAS, The goals identified through the 2002 Community Needs Assessment
15 were that: children and youth are healthy; children and youth are ready to learn and are
16 succeeding in school; children and youth live in safe, supported families and safe, supported
17 and viable communities; and that children and youth contribute to the growth, development
18 and vitality of San Francisco; and,

19 WHEREAS, In its fourth round of planning, the current Community Needs Assessment
20 built on these goals; on data and recommendations of compiled through a mixed-methods
21 design, gathered from 46 meetings with 743 people from neighborhood groups, parent
22 groups, youth groups, and citywide service providers. Focus groups were conducted with
23 homeless families, recent immigrants, families living in public housing, parents and service
24 providers in Bayview and Visitacion Valley. Thirteen citywide key informant interviews were
25 conducted, along with surveys of service providers, educators, and high school students. All

1 together, DCYF's commitment to community engagement resulted in the participation of more
2 than 9,640 individuals in this Needs Assessment. Secondary data provides findings on
3 population demographics, indicators of well-being, and service utilization; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and their Families held public hearings
5 on the Community Needs Assessment before the Children's Fund Citizen's Advisory
6 Committee, Juvenile Probation Commission, Youth Commission, Human Services
7 Commission, Recreation and Parks Commission and Public Health Commission and received
8 input from many other Departments; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Community Needs Assessment recommends service and system
10 improvements in the areas of collaboration with the business community; collaboration among
11 City Departments; collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District; collaboration
12 to improve the juvenile justice system and the recreation and park system; increased technical
13 assistance and training for programs; increased accessibility of services; and strong
14 partnerships with communities, parents and youth; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families is committed to
16 taking a leadership role in implementing the recommendations of this report; to facilitate joint
17 planning at all levels; to involve the community; to employ strategies that are inclusive,
18 transparent, timely, well informed and driven by the needs of children, youth and families; and
19 to strengthen the service delivery system for all children, youth and their families, and,

20 WHEREAS, In accordance with Charter Section 16.108, the Department of Children,
21 Youth and their Families has submitted to the Board of Supervisors a Community Needs
22 Assessment at the beginning of a three-year planning cycle; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 approves the recommendations of the Community Needs Assessment developed by the
25 Department of Children, Youth and Their Families.