

1 [DCYF 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 second round of planning, the current Community Needs  
20 Assessment built on these goals; on data and recommendations of over 40 reports on the  
21 status and needs of children and youth done by the Department of Children, Youth and their  
22 Families and six other city agencies over the past 3 years; on existing data on effective  
23 services for children, youth and their families; on information from a six month planning  
24 process including parent and youth surveys, community meetings, stakeholder interviews, and  
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1 input from public and private service providers; and on comments from relevant City  
2 Commissions and the general public; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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