

1 [Commending Supervisor Vallie Brown]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Vallie Brown for her decades of**
4 **dedicated service to San Francisco and for her distinguished service as a Member of**
5 **the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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7 WHEREAS, In July 2018, Supervisor Vallie Brown was appointed by Mayor London
8 Breed to serve as Supervisor for San Francisco’s District 5; and

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has now served the people of the City and County
10 of San Francisco with fierce dedication for 12 years, as a Legislative Aide, as a Project
11 Manager at the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and, since July 2018, as a
12 member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

13 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has worked tirelessly and in community for
14 District 5 for over 25 years and continues to exhibit the energy, passion and mindset of an
15 activist; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has never hesitated to roll up her sleeves to join
17 in community, expressing her deep and abiding love for the people of District 5 and San
18 Francisco with remarkable grace, humility and humor; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown is a community builder and deeply values
20 community generated solutions, and has never shied away from tackling difficult topics
21 through robust community dialogue; and

22 WHEREAS, Early on as a neighborhood activist, Supervisor Vallie Brown helped
23 organize her neighbors to stop the gun violence afflicting the Western Addition and Fillmore
24 neighborhoods, supporting new models of restorative justice and providing meaningful
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1 opportunities for at-risk youth and adults that continue to make a difference in lives throughout
2 San Francisco today; and

3 WHEREAS, As a neighbor in the Lower Haight, Vallie Brown rallied parents and
4 neighbors to keep the doors of John Muir Elementary School open and to form a new Parent-
5 Teacher Association, believing that neighborhood schools are critical community hubs; and

6 WHEREAS, As a Legislative Aide, Vallie Brown led the development of the Inner
7 Sunset Farmers Market and Divisadero Farmers Market, increasing healthy food access in
8 her community; and

9 WHEREAS, As a Legislative Aide, Vallie Brown helped pass the nation's first plastic
10 bag ban and legislated San Francisco's 100% renewable energy program, CleanPowerSF,
11 and, as Supervisor, has strengthened the plastic bag ban with passage of the Plastic Bag Ban
12 2.0; and

13 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has been a stalwart champion of housing in
14 District 5 and throughout San Francisco, working hard to promote new affordable housing and
15 to identify and fast track affordable housing projects on publicly owned land all across District
16 5, advocating for an additional \$40 million dollars to expand the small sites housing
17 acquisition program, waive fees to boost development of new affordable housing and
18 accessory dwelling units (ADUs) citywide, and legislating the highest feasible affordable
19 housing requirements for new apartments along Divisadero; and

20 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown has worked hard to protect tenants individually
21 and as a class, securing funding for and negotiating the acquisition of existing buildings with
22 vulnerable tenants, creating and preserving 100% permanently affordable apartments in
23 District 5, and increasing non-profit and legal services to promote housing stability and
24 protection; and

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1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown advocated for and passed Small Business
2 Streamlining legislation to make it easier for San Francisco small businesses to open and stay
3 open; and

4 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown legislated and secured funds to open San
5 Francisco’s first-ever Safe Parking program and Vehicular Navigation Center to address the
6 City’s growing vehicular homeless population; and

7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown prioritized social equity, co-authoring legislation to
8 create San Francisco’s first Office of Racial Equity, and passing legislation banning
9 discrimination against unbanked San Franciscans; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Vallie Brown successfully legislated locally against states that
11 challenge the reproductive freedoms of women, transgender, and non-binary people, ensuring
12 that the economic might of San Francisco aligns with our deeply-held social values; now,
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes Supervisor
15 Vallie Brown for her service as the first person of Native American heritage to serve on this
16 Board, which meets on traditional, unceded Ramaytush Ohlone lands; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board commends Supervisor Vallie Brown for being
18 a model of courageous female leadership as well as unflagging devotion to public service and
19 to the constituents and communities of District 5 and San Francisco; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered
21 to Supervisor Vallie Brown as a small token of the esteem, affection, and respect in which she
22 is held by this Board of Supervisors, and to express to her their appreciation for her service
23 and high hopes for her future.

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