

1 [Commending Community Works, Sheriff's Department and Visitacion Valley Middle School  
2 for the creation and implementation of the ROOTS program.]

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4 **Resolution commending Community Works, Sheriff Department and Visitacion Valley**  
5 **Middle School for the creation and implementation of The ROOTS program.**

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7 WHEREAS, ROOTS is a program of Community Works funded by the National  
8 Institute of Corrections and a collaboration with the Sheriff's Department and Visitacion Valley  
9 Middle School; and,

10 WHEREAS, ROOTS is an innovative, community-designed effort that provides positive  
11 experience for the children of incarcerated parents, to reduce levels of trauma and  
12 stigmatization for the child both personally and socially, and to address specific issues that  
13 children of incarcerated parents face; and

14 WHEREAS, ROOTS accomplishes these objectives through a coordinated program of  
15 in-school therapeutic intervention for children support services for custodial parents or  
16 guardians, an expressive arts after-school program and bi-annual field trips; and,

17 WHEREAS, ROOTS promotes the resiliency of children of incarcerated parents by  
18 providing a full-time social worker, Case Manager, Licensed Therapist, and a part time MFCC  
19 Therapist at Visitacion Valley Middle School; and,

20 WHEREAS, The success of ROOTS is evident in the 45 families the program serve in  
21 Visitacion Valley, where social and behavioral problems of these youth have dropped  
22 drastically since its implementation; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors extends  
24 their highest recommendation to ROOTS for their efforts to provide children of incarcerated  
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1 parents in Visitation Valley with a comprehensive, community based program to meet their  
2 special needs.  
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