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[This resolution proposes an evaluation of the fire and medical rescue needs of San Francisco.]

Resolution authorizing the City Controller to perform an evaluation of the fire and medical rescue needs of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, San Franciscans deserve efficient, state-of-the-art, cost effective rescue and fire suppression services; and

WHEREAS, The 21st century requirements for fire suppression and paramedic ambulance service in San Francisco have changed significantly from earlier periods; and

WHEREAS, The recent budget process has clearly demonstrated the need for the prudent use of every tax dollar; and

WHEREAS, The budget process raised issues regarding the appropriate level of facilities, staffing and deployment of emergency fire and rescue personnel and related services; and

WHEREAS, While San Francisco is unique in its geographic and topographical characteristics, it would benefit from comparisons to other large urban areas in numbers of employees, costs and facilities providing emergency fire and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, This is an issue that concerns a wide range of people in the City and needs a publicly accountable process to consider the many options and ramifications of potential changes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Controller conduct an evaluation of the fire and medical rescue needs of San Francisco, including issues related to the staffing, deployment, costs and facilities of the City's emergency service providers; and be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Controller examine, among other issues, station
2 number and location, response time, dispatch practices, and time allocated to fire prevention
3 and suppression; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Controller to involve
5 independent experts and community stakeholders in the evaluation process; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors asks the Controller to prepare a
7 report on its evaluation by no later than March 31, 2004 so that its recommendations can be
8 considered during deliberations on the 2004-2005 budget.

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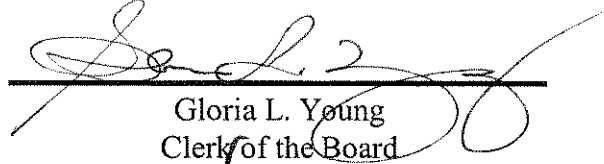
Ayes: 7 - Ammiano, Dufty, Gonzalez, Hall, Ma, McGoldrick, Peskin

Absent: 1 - Newsom

Excused: 3 - Daly, Maxwell, Sandoval

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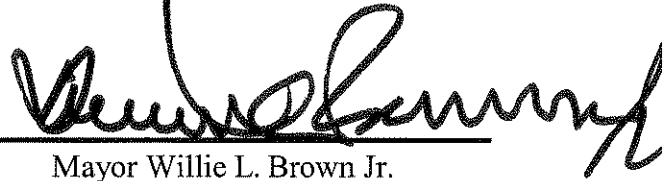
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 19, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

AUG 28 2003

Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.