

1 [Urging City Departments.]

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3 **Resolution urging specified City departments to implement recommendations of the**
4 **Department of Public Health set forth in the Director of Health’s Report on the**
5 **Comprehensive Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program for The City and**
6 **County of San Francisco dated December 2, 2003.**

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8 WHEREAS, Lead is a systemic poison that affects numerous organ systems and
9 serves no known useful purpose in the body, and childhood lead poisoning can cause
10 learning disabilities, concentration and behavior problems, and at very high levels, seizures,
11 coma and even death; and,

12 WHEREAS, All San Francisco neighborhoods were fully developed by the end of
13 World War II, and therefore 94% of our housing units were built prior to the 1978 ban on
14 residential lead-based paint, and 68% of the housing stock is pre-1950, which is considered
15 the time frame when paint contained the greatest concentration of lead; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors (Board) enacted the Comprehensive
17 Environmental Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (Program) in 1992 to prevent needless
18 suffering from this disease

19 WHEREAS, The goals of the Program are to educate all parents and other child care
20 givers about how to protect children from lead hazards, to provide universal screening and
21 testing of children up to six years of age, to develop a case management system for those
22 found to be suffering from lead poisoning, and to make all public and private facilities in this
23 City lead-safe for these children; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Department of Public Health is required under the 1992 legislation
25 (including a new Section 1609 of the Health Code) to annually describe to the Board of

1 Supervisors the efforts of all local agencies to comply with the Program and the additional
2 actions needed to effectively implement and carry out the Program; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Section 1609 report further requires the Director to comment on “the
4 effectiveness of the program and City agencies' efforts in implementation, including, but not
5 limited to, additional actions needed to effectively implement and carry out the Program, the
6 reasons why those actions are not being taken, and the plans of the relevant City agencies to
7 implement those actions, including descriptions of specific actions, time lines, and the work
8 plans and budgets of all City agencies involved in implementing the Program”; and,

9 WHEREAS, On December 2nd, 2003, the Director of the San Francisco Department of
10 Public Health transmitted to the Board of Supervisors an annual report containing
11 recommendations for various City Departments to continue implementation of City policies
12 regarding lead safety, a report on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
13 , which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now,
14 therefore, be it,

15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Director and/or General
16 Manager of the Public Library, the Department of Children, Youth and Families, the
17 Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health, the Juvenile Probation
18 Department, the Recreation and Park Department, the San Francisco Housing Authority, the
19 Department of Building Inspection, the Department of Public Works, the Mayor’s Office of
20 Community Development, the Mayor’s Office of Housing, the San Francisco Public Utilities
21 Commission, the Department of Administrative Services and the San Francisco
22 Redevelopment Agency to implement the recommendations of the Department of Public
23 Health set forth in its Annual Report to the Board dated December 2, 2003; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the above referenced Directors provide the Board with a
2 written report regarding the Public Library’s progress in implementing those recommendations
3 within 180 days from the effective date of this Resolution; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the Board
5 of Supervisors will transmit a copy of this resolution to each department named herein.

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