

1 [Opposing California Proposition 8]

2 **EXPRESSING SAN FRANCISCO'S OPPOSITION TO CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 8 ON**  
3 **THE NOVEMBER 1998 BALLOT.**

4 WHEREAS, Proposition 8 is a poorly crafted initiative that would hurt our children by  
5 taking millions of tax dollars away from the classroom and existing education programs to fund  
6 a new, unaccountable bureaucracy, with no checks and balances to guard against abuse; and

7 WHEREAS, Some of Proposition 8's provisions merely restate existing policies, such as  
8 zero tolerance for drugs and class size reduction (which is already in place, annually funded  
9 and working effectively in our schools); and

10 WHEREAS, Instead of improving classroom education, Proposition 8 authorizes each  
11 school to set different curricula with no regard to uniform state academic standards, and  
12 possibly in conflict with college entrance requirements; and

13 WHEREAS, The additional bureaucracy would include a new "Office of Chief Inspector"  
14 in which the new "Chief Inspector" (no education experience is required) would have a 10 year  
15 appointment (without legislative confirmation) and very broad powers, including the power to  
16 set her/his own salary and the salaries of all employees she/he wants to hire; and

17 WHEREAS, Proposition 8 also creates 8,000 powerful councils which have the potential  
18 to conflict with existing parent/teacher councils, meaningful and productive parental  
19 involvement and statewide efforts to improve student achievement; and

20 WHEREAS, Unlike existing school site councils, these new councils would be given the  
21 unprecedented authority to spend our tax dollars and decide what should be taught in our  
22 schools; and

23 WHEREAS, Establishment of a new "office of the Chief Inspector" and the 8,000 new  
24 councils would significantly increase the education bureaucracy; and

25 WHEREAS, This expanded bureaucracy would be funded by cutting existing classroom  
and other education programs; and

1           WHEREAS, Proposition 8's problems would be extremely difficult to fix because the  
2 proposition specifies that any changes would require another statewide initiative or an  
3 unprecedented 80% vote of each house of the Legislature and the signature of the Governor;  
4 now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
6 hereby expresses its opposition to Proposition 8 which would increase the size of the existing  
7 education bureaucracy, reduce accountability, force classroom education cuts, and ignore  
8 California's new, uniform academic standards.

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10           **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**

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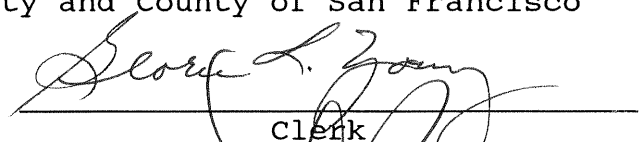
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Ayes: Supervisors Ammiano Brown Kaufman Leno Newsom Teng  
Yee

Absent: Supervisors Bierman Katz Medina Yaki


I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution  
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors  
of the City and County of San Francisco

  
Clerk

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Date Approved

  
Mayor