

1 [Commending Supervisor Malia Cohen]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Supervisor Malia Cohen for her distinguished**  
4 **service as a Member and President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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6 WHEREAS, President Malia Cohen has served the people of the City and County of  
7 San Francisco with dedication for eight years as a member of the San Francisco Board of  
8 Supervisors and as the President of the Board since June 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, She championed the strongest restrictions on flavored tobacco in the  
10 nation, upholding a ban on menthols, flavored vapor products, and flavored cigars in San  
11 Francisco, which was corroborated by the Federal Drug Administration Ban in  
12 November 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, President Cohen’s 2016 Proposition V, the Sugar-Sweetened Beverage  
14 tax, supported health outcomes in low income San Francisco communities by reducing soda  
15 consumption and funding active recreation and health programming across the City; and

16 WHEREAS, Her leadership in the formation of a fair, equitable cannabis industry has  
17 created economic opportunity, access to health, and increased social justice for communities  
18 targeted by the War on Drugs; and

19 WHEREAS, President Cohen led the charge to reinforce women’s reproductive rights  
20 through her creation of San Francisco’s Doula Program, which provides access to families at  
21 risk of maternal mortality, and her Pregnancy Crisis Center legislation; and

22 WHEREAS, Her work as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee included leading  
23 on budget reform and municipal banking initiatives, imbued increased transparency and  
24 accountability to the City’s budget and financial systems; and

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1           WHEREAS, President Cohen’s landmark Neighborhood Preference legislation reduced  
2 outmigration by ensuring that San Franciscans get priority in new housing built in their  
3 neighborhood and she successfully negotiated the India Basin project, increasing Bayview  
4 residents’ access to affordable housing and green, open spaces; and

5           WHEREAS, President Cohen passed San Francisco police reform legislation to  
6 improve the physical safety of all San Franciscans, enhancing community policing, and  
7 increase transparency and accountability in law enforcement; and

8           WHEREAS, Her Fair Chance Ordinance has expanded economic opportunities for  
9 thousands of individuals that have been involved with the justice system by removing barriers  
10 to employment and housing; and

11           WHEREAS, Her dedication to the residents of District 10 is reflected through her  
12 leadership in establishing a community center in Visitacion Valley, celebrating Bayview’s  
13 African-American heritage by bringing the Pan-African flag colors to poles on the Third Street  
14 corridor, and the significant investment in open space and recreation in the Potrero-Dogpatch  
15 neighborhoods; and

16           WHEREAS, She has co-hosted annual celebrations at City Hall for Black History Month  
17 and she feted District 10’s LGBTQ community in celebration of annual SF Pride week,  
18 embracing a philosophy of working hard, but also celebrating the people around you; and

19           WHEREAS, Her commitment to hiring, empowering, and uplifting women through an  
20 all-female team, embodying the mantra “Bad Bitches Only,” is a beacon of inspiration for  
21 women in public service; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of their officers, employees and  
23 residents of this City, recognizes President Malia Cohen’s countless contributions to  
24 improving this City, her tireless devotion to solve and be responsive to her constituents' issues  
25 and concerns; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be tendered  
2 to President Malia Cohen as a token of the affection and respect in which she is held by the  
3 Board of Supervisors, and to express to her their appreciation for her service, their thanks for  
4 her presence, and their high hopes for her future.

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