

1 [Condemning the Government of the People’s Republic of China for its persecution of Falun
2 Gong practitioners]

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4 **Resolution condemning the People’s Republic of China for its persecution of Falun**
5 **Gong practitioners and expressing the position of the City and County of San**
6 **Francisco to Federal Officials, the Mayor of Shanghai and the Chinese Consulate and**
7 **urging federal officials and the State Department to follow United State Congress**
8 **Resolution 304.**

9 WHEREAS, Falun Gong is a peaceful meditation and spiritual practice that originated
10 in the People's Republic of China and is now practiced around the world including the United
11 States; and

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13 WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners in the People's Republic of China, the United
14 States, and the rest of the world have always been peaceful and non-violent while advocating
15 the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion and Tolerance; and

16 WHEREAS, according to various sources including the United States State
17 Department and Amnesty International, since 1999 the Government of the People's Republic
18 of China has continued a most brutal crackdown on Falun Gong practitioners, which includes
19 beatings and torture, confinement in labor camps, prisons and mental hospitals, rape, sexual
20 assault, forced abortion, and over one hundred methods of extreme physical and mental
21 torture; and

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23 WHEREAS, thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been confirmed killed in
24 police custody, tens of thousands have been tortured and hundreds of thousand have been
25 arrested for their belief; and

1 WHEREAS, according to Falun Gong sources and on clearwisdom.net, in Shanghai, in
2 2005, the sister city of the City of San Francisco, thousands of Falun Dafa practitioners were
3 persecuted by the Chinese, including hundreds of people detained and four people killed; and

4 WHEREAS, official measures have been taken to conceal all atrocities, such as the
5 immediate cremation of victims, the blocking of autopsies, and the false labeling of deaths as
6 from suicide or natural causes; and

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8 WHEREAS, the persecution of Falun Gong violates the Constitution of the People's
9 Republic of China as well as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the
10 Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and

11 WHEREAS, propaganda from the state-controlled media, such as Chinese Central
12 Television, projected within and outside the People's Republic of China has inundated the
13 public, including residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area in an attempt to breed hatred
14 and discrimination; and

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16 WHEREAS, the campaign of persecution has been generated by the Government of
17 the People's Republic of China, is carried out by government officials and police at all levels,
18 and has permeated every segment of society and every level of government in the People's
19 Republic of China; and

20 WHEREAS, Chinese consular officials have pressured local elected officials in the City
21 of San Francisco to refuse or withdraw support for the Falun Gong spiritual group;

22 WHEREAS, Falun Gong practitioners have been excluded purposely from numerous
23 Chinese community events in San Francisco due to the pressure from the Chinese
24 government on the organizers; and
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1 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Lee, a United States citizen and San Francisco Bay Area
2 resident, has reportedly been mentally and physically tortured since being detained by
3 Chinese authorities in early 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, individuals that physically harassed Falun Gong practitioners in San
5 Francisco on October 22, 2000, were later seen at anti-Falun Gong meetings and the
6 Chinese Consulate in San Francisco; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States guarantees freedom of religion, the
9 right to assemble, and the right to speak freely, and the city of San Francisco has been a
10 champion in promoting human rights; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2004, the United States Congress (with the United States Senate
12 concurring) passed a concurrent resolution, Resolution 304, condemning the Government of
13 the People's Republic of China for its persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, calling upon
14 the immediate release from detention, and cessation of harassment of all Falun Gong
15 practitioners and urging the President of the United States to issue an official public demarche,
16 a formal protest, to the Chinese Foreign Ministry; now, therefore, be it

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18 RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors that the
19 Government of the People's Republic of China should cease its persecution of Falun Gong
20 practitioners; and its representatives in the United States should cease their harassment of
21 citizens and residents of the United States who practice Falun Gong and cease their attempts
22 to put pressure on local governments and institutions in San Francisco to refuse or withdraw
23 support for the Falun Gong and its practitioners; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, the City and County of San Francisco should use every
25 appropriate means to urge the Government of the People's Republic of China to:

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1 (A) Release from prisons and labor camps all Falun Gong practitioners who have been
2 illegally arrested, as well as other prisoners of conscience.

3 (B) Abide by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Universal
4 Declaration of Human Rights by allowing Falun Gong practitioners to pursue their
5 personal beliefs; and, be it
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7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
8 of Supervisors to:

9 (A) Send a letter to the Mayor of Shanghai to address the concern over the
10 persecution of Falun Gong in Shanghai; and

11 (B) Send a copy of this resolution to the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco to
12 address concern of the persecution of Falun Gong in China and the activities of the
13 consulate in San Francisco to encourage discrimination and breed hate against Falun
14 Gong in San Francisco; and be it
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16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will urge federal
17 officials to

18 (A) Issue a formal protest to the Chinese Foreign Ministry in response to the repeated
19 violations by the Chinese Government of basic human rights protected in international
20 covenants to which the People's Republic of China is a signatory; and be it

21 (B) Continue their stance in support of Falun Gong as articulated in United States
22 Congress Resolution 304.
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