

1 [Board response to the 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “San Francisco  
2 Kindergarten Admissions: Back to the Drawing Board”]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the**  
4 **recommendations contained in the 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “San**  
5 **Francisco Kindergarten Admissions: Back to the Drawing Board”.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code Section 933 et seq., the Board of  
8 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior  
9 Court on the recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and,

10 WHEREAS, In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), if a finding or  
11 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a  
12 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head  
13 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the  
14 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over  
15 which it has some decision making authority; and,

16 WHEREAS, The 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “San Francisco  
17 Kindergarten Admissions: Back to the Drawing Board” is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
18 Supervisors in File No. 080926, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if  
19 set forth fully herein; and,

20 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 9 of the subject Civil Grand Jury Report states:  
21 “During the Grand Jury’s inquiry the recurring theme from parents, teachers, principals,  
22 leaders of support groups and school officials alike was the need to create good schools  
23 system wide. This would provide the equity that all students deserve and these leaders seek.  
24 The Jury heard that student diversity is desirable, but not as important as quality schools for  
25 all, whatever the setting. With a new Superintendent and two new Board of Education

1 members to be elected in the fall joining three recently elected members, now is the time to  
2 refocus on creating quality schools throughout the District”; and

3 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. 10 states: “Practice better resource management as  
4 an example of prudent stewardship, particularly now in the facing of funding cuts. By year-end  
5 2008 the City should devise a plan for reducing the number of under utilized properties and  
6 failing schools”; and

7 WHEREAS, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), the Board of  
8 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior  
9 Court on Recommendations Nos. 9 and 10 contained in the subject Civil Grand Jury report;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the  
12 Superior Court that it agrees with Recommendation Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ of the 2007-2008 Civil Grand  
13 Jury Report entitled “San Francisco Kindergarten Admissions: Back to the Drawing Board”;  
14 and be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that it disagrees wholly  
16 or partially with Recommendation Nos. \_\_\_\_\_, as follows \_\_\_\_\_; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the  
18 implementation of accepted recommendations through his/her department heads and through  
19 the development of the annual budget.

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