

1 [Audit of Public Utilities Commission]

2 **URGING THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE PUBLIC**  
3 **UTILITIES COMMISSION AND OTHER APPROPRIATE CITY DEPARTMENTS TO**  
4 **DETERMINE THE DEGREE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE CITY'S EQUAL BENEFITS**  
5 **ORDINANCE.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1999, a group of individual shareholders and Trillium Assent  
8 Management presented a resolution to the Exxon shareholders urging the Exxon to include  
9 sexual orientation as an explicitly protected class in its corporate employment policy and  
10 procedures; and

11 WHEREAS, In January of 2000, Exxon and Mobil Corporations merged to form  
12 ExxonMobil Corporation;

13 WHEREAS, Immediately following the merger, ExxonMobil announced it would revoke  
14 both the domestic partnership benefits program; and

15 WHEREAS, Previous to the merger, a domestic partners benefits program had already  
16 been instituted at Mobil as well as designating sexual orientation as a protected class; and

17 WHEREAS, Former Mobil employees who registered for domestic partners benefits still  
18 continue to receive those benefits subsequent to the merger ; and

19 WHEREAS, On March 31, 2000, a group of individual ExxonMobil shareholders,  
20 Trillium Asset Management and the New York City Employees Retirement System (NYCERS)  
21 jointly presented a resolution to the ExxonMobil Board of Directors urging them to establish  
22 explicit sexual orientation protections as part of the company's equal employment opportunity  
23 policy; and

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Supervisors Ammiano

1           WHEREAS, The ExxonMobil Board of Directors responded to the resolution by  
2 appealing to the Securities and Exchange Commission for permission to omit language  
3 explicitly designating sexual orientation as a protected class as well as to eliminate domestic  
4 partners benefits ; and

5           WHEREAS, ExxonMobil Corporation is but one example of a potential trend of newly  
6 merged corporations, existing corporations and newly formed corporations that does not  
7 include domestic partners benefits programs for its employees as well as excluding language  
8 explicitly designating sexual orientation as a protected class; and

9           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco, through the Public Utilities  
10 Commission contracts with many corporations and their subsidiaries which have no domestic  
11 partners benefits programs for its employees; and

12           WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City and County of San Francisco that there is full  
13 compliance with the City's Equal Benefits Ordinance in order to prevent discrimination of those  
14 San Francisco citizens who are legal domestic partners, therefore, be it

15           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
16 urges the Human Rights Commission to conduct an audit of the Public Utilities Commission  
17 and other appropriate City departments to determine the degree of compliance with the City's  
18 Equal Benefits Ordinance.

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25           **SUPERVISOR AMMIANO**



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

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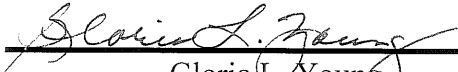
May 8, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Leno, Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 8, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

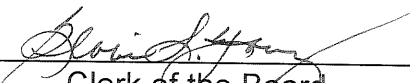
  
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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**Date Approved**

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: **May 19, 2000**

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
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Clerk of the Board

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