

1 [Urging the Transfer and Relocation of the Elephants at the San Francisco Zoo.]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Zoological Society to transfer ownership of and**
4 **relocate elephants Lulu and Tinkerbelle to a credible sanctuary and to make the move**
5 **in compliance with USDA regulations and the American Zoo and Aquarium**
6 **Association’s Elephant Species Survival Plan.**

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8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Zoo houses African and Asian elephants; and,

9 WHEREAS, On March 6, 2004, Calle, a 37 year old female Asian elephant at the San
10 Francisco Zoo was euthanized due to a worsening condition of degenerative joint disease and
11 possible relapse of tuberculosis; and,

12 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2004, Maybelle, one of two African elephants at the San
13 Francisco Zoo and the third oldest elephant in the country, died of cardiovascular failure; and,

14 WHEREAS, On April 8, 2004, the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and
15 Welfare voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Supervisors immediately act to
16 transfer the remaining elephants at the Zoo to a sanctuary; and,

17 WHEREAS, Due to the current situation of lone elephants now inhabiting older exhibits,
18 it is in the remaining elephants’ best interests to relocating them to a credible sanctuary where
19 they will have elephant companionship; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 urges the San Francisco Zoological Society to transfer ownership of and relocate elephants
22 Lulu and Tinkerbelle to a credible sanctuary and to make the move in compliance with USDA
23 regulations and the American Zoo and Aquarium Association’s Elephant Species Survival
24 Plan.

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