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[Protect Proposition 10 Funding]

Resolution urging the Governor of California to protect Proposition 10 County funding by not sweeping \$1,000,000,000 in Prop 10 funds from local First 5 Commissions reserves, and urging a permanent diversion of 50% of all future Prop 10 revenues.

WHEREAS, First 5 exists because voters passed Prop 10, and twice rebuffed efforts to overturn it because it pays to invest in young children and families; and

WHEREAS, Protecting Prop 10 funding would ensure that 18,000 children and families in San Francisco, and 2,090,453 in California can continue to access early childhood education programs, health screening and insurance, and family support services that prepare them to enter Kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco invested more than \$9 million dollars annually to fund more that 200 workforce positions throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco funding allowed 4,300 children to be screened for developmental delays and receive follow up services; and

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco funding in partnership with Department of Children, Youth & Their Families, and the Human Services Agency provided family resource center services to over 2000 children and 8,000 parents and caregivers; and

WHEREAS, First 5 funding provided health insurance premiums for 572 birth to five year olds; and

WHEREAS, First 5 funding ensured that 4,300 children received vision, hearing and dental screening and 78% of those children were linked to health care services; and

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Page 1 02/09/2011 WHEREAS, First 5 funding gave 6,889 children access to infant toddler care and high quality preschool that supports early literacy and school readiness; and

WHEREAS, The Governor's proposal to use Prop 10 Reserves relies on an old myth that claims the county commissions have more than \$2 million in reserves. According to an independent audit there is far less funding available and that approximately \$354 million is not yet obligated or allocated; and

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco has been fiscally responsible with a long range sustainability plan that uses its reserves to ensure funding that supports young children and their families for the next 8 years; and

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco understands that everyone must contribute to help solve the state budget crisis and the First 5 Commissions are willing to do so, but the Governor's proposal will cause irreparable damage with little funding left to address the needs of children and families who will once again fall through the gaps in the safety net provided by Prop 10 funding: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does not support the Governor's budget to sweep First 5 County reserves and reduce annual allocations by 50%; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will work with First 5 San Francisco Commissioners and Staff to insure programs and services for our youngest San Franciscans are protected and preserved.

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