

1 [Commending Dennis Aftergut]
2 COMMENDING DENNIS AFTERGUT FOR HIS WORK ON THE EQUAL BENEFITS
3 ORDINANCE AND CONGRATULATING HIM FOR HIS BEING RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF
4 THE TOP TWENTY LAWYERS IN CALIFORNIA.

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6 WHEREAS, Dennis Aftergut graduated from Harvard Law School and served as
7 counsel for the United States Attorney's Office in San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, Dennis Aftergut continued to practice law as an associate at San
9 Francisco's Farella, Braun and Martell Law Firm and subsequently served as a Law Clerk for
10 California Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird; and,

11 WHEREAS, Dennis Aftergut has faithfully and diligently served the City and County of
12 San Francisco as a City Attorney since 1986; and,

13 WHEREAS, Dennis Aftergut has ardently defended the City's landmark Equal Benefits
14 Ordinance, which compels companies doing business with San Francisco to offer the same
15 benefits to the domestic partners of employees as they offer to employees' married spouses;
16 and,

17 WHEREAS, Dennis Aftergut successfully defended the Equal Benefits Ordinance and
18 won a stunning victory in April of 1998 when the United States District Court upheld the
19 ordinance in the majority of circumstances, stating the City could require equal benefits of
20 companies "where the city wields no more power than an ordinary consumer in its contracting
21 relationships"; and,

22 WHEREAS, As a result of Aftergut's staunch defense of the Equal Benefits Ordinance,
23 the Judge's ruling allows San Francisco to promote and protect the human rights and
24 dignities of employees throughout the United States; and,

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LENO, KATZ, AMMIANO, TENG, BROWN, BIERMAN, KAUFMAN, YAKI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, California Lawyer Magazine named Dennis Aftergut as one of the top 20
2 lawyers in the State of California for the year 1998; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends Dennis Aftergut for his diligent
4 and passionate defense of the Equal Benefits Ordinance and congratulates him on being
5 named one of the top twenty lawyers in the state of California; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to San Francisco
7 City Attorney Louise Renne and to Deputy City Attorney Dennis Aftergut.

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Resolution

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Resolution commending Dennis Aftergut for his work on the equal benefits ordinance and congratulating him for his being recognized as one of the top twenty lawyers in California.

December 7, 1998 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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

Absent: 3 - Medina, Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 7, 1998 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.