

1 [Children and Youth Stakeholders.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and the Department of Public Health to create a Proposition 63**
4 **Children and Youth Stakeholder Sub-Committee, dedicate a portion of Proposition 63 funding to**
5 **fund children and youth Services, and dedicate funding to Wellness Center Expansion.**

6 WHEREAS, On November 8, 2004, the City (Board of Supervisors) and School District
7 Committee held a special hearing to discuss and evaluate the state of on-site mental health services at
8 San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) sites; and

9 WHEREAS, Overwhelming evidence was presented at the hearing demonstrating that mental
10 health services to children are inadequate and inaccessible to many in children in need, many of whom
11 go on to develop more serious mental and physical health problems as a result of inaccessible services;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Compelling evidence was presented at the hearing by experts in the mental health
14 field that services to children and youth are often best provided at sites where children frequent most
15 often, most particularly at the schools; and

16 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a successful and cost-effective model of a city-school
17 partnership through Wellness Centers, created four years ago at 7 high schools, providing free and
18 confidential mental health and substance abuse counseling, crisis intervention and health assessments;
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20 WHEREAS, Over two-third of students receiving services at the Wellness Centers report
21 significant improvements in their mental health because of the Wellness Centers, and further report that
22 they would not have received needed services if the Wellness Program were not at their school; and,

23 WHEREAS, Many the students in county schools, middle schools and many small high schools
24 have not yet had access to Wellness Centers; and

25 WHEREAS, The voters of California recently passed Proposition 63, a new income surcharge
that could result in an estimated \$50 million annually for mental health services in San Francisco; now,
therefore, be it

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor and Department of Public Health
2 to create a Proposition 63 Planning Subcommittee comprised of child and youth stakeholders and
3 focused on the needs of Children and Youth to create a comprehensive child-specific plan; and be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a portion of the Proposition 63 funds be dedicated to children
5 and youth mental health services focused on prevention, and that that portion be at least consistent with
6 the percentage of children in the overall population, and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board recommend to the Proposition 63 planning group that
8 the funds needed to expand Wellness Centers to all County and alternative high schools, four additional
9 small high schools and six middle schools be allocated from the Proposition 63 funds.

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