

1 [Opposing Federal Legislation]

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3 **Resolution declaring opposition to House Resolution 5970, federal legislation that**
4 **would lower the minimum wage for workers who earn tips.**

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6 WHEREAS, In 2003 San Franciscans voted to establish a minimum wage of \$8.50 per
7 hour – indexed to inflation – for all workers; and,

8 WHEREAS, Proposed federal legislation H.R. 5970 would preempt California's \$6.75
9 minimum wage as well as San Francisco's minimum wage law for all tipped employees; and,

10 WHEREAS, As a result of the passage of H.R. 5970, the wages of thousands of
11 employees in San Francisco would be cut by \$6.69 an hour -- from a current minimum of
12 \$8.82 an hour plus tips to the federal minimum \$2.13 an hour plus tips; and,

13 WHEREAS, This translates into a cut of \$267.60 a week (assuming 40 hours) and
14 \$13,915.20 a year (assuming 52 weeks) for tip-earning workers in San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, This federal legislation does not take into account the cost of living in cities
16 across the country and unfairly usurps the ability of states and localities to effectively provide
17 for their inhabitants; and,

18 WHEREAS, It has long been the policy goal of the Executive and Legislative bodies of
19 the City and County of San Francisco to improve the standard of living for all its residents;
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21 WHEREAS, The passage of H.R. 5970 would take money out of the pockets of working
22 poor in San Francisco and across the State of California; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors strongly opposes House Resolution 5970
24 and urges San Francisco's representatives in Congress to oppose H.R. 5970; and be it,

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the Board
2 of Supervisors shall forward copies to the offices of United States Senators Hon. Dianne
3 Feinstein and Hon. Barbara Boxer.

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