

1 [Supporting Planned Parenthood]

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3 **Resolution supporting Planned Parenthood, urging the United States Congress to**
4 **continue funding reproductive and health care services nationwide, and prioritizing**
5 **approval of funding to support the continued operation of the San Francisco Health**
6 **Center in the event of federal de-funding.**

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8 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Northern California champions healthy communities
9 and increases access to quality health care, information, and reproductive freedom by
10 providing medical services, education, and advocacy; and

11 WHEREAS, Planned Parenthood Northern California is one of the largest Planned
12 Parenthood affiliates in the United States and is one of the largest providers of reproductive
13 health care services in Northern California; and

14 WHEREAS, Between July 2014 and June 2015 alone, Planned Parenthood Northern
15 California served over 150,000 clients with medical services and education and provided over
16 200,000 health center visits across their 20-county service area; and

17 WHEREAS, Health care services provided by Planned Parenthood includes breast
18 exams, cancer screening, emergency contraception, hormones for gender transition,
19 immunizations including HPV immunization, male health services, prenatal care, rapid HIV
20 testing and counseling, PrEP to prevent HIV infection, menopause and midlife services, and
21 other life-saving and critical medical services; and

22 WHEREAS, Women comprise nearly 90% of patients served, with more than 92% of all
23 clients served living below 200% of the federal poverty level; and

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1 WHEREAS, Stripping Planned Parenthood of its federal funding nationally has been
2 proposed by primarily Republican lawmakers in Congress as recently as September 2015 and
3 justified through anti-abortion rhetoric; and

4 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco opposes imperiling women’s health
5 care across the country with political strategies that pit government operations against
6 women’s health; and

7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors opposes any reduction in funding
8 for one of the largest providers of reproductive health care services in Northern California; and

9 WHEREAS, A woman’s right to choose to have an abortion is protected by the
10 Constitutional right to privacy under the Due Process clause of the 14th Amendment; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco stands with Planned
13 Parenthood and supports Planned Parenthood’s mission to provide critical health care
14 services to families, men, and women throughout Northern California; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the U.S.
16 Congress to oppose any and all efforts to defund Planned Parenthood; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That should funding be stripped from Planned Parenthood,
18 including the San Francisco Health Center which is operated by Planned Parenthood
19 Northern California, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will prioritize the approval of
20 funding to support the continued operation of the San Francisco Health Center.