

1 [Commendation -- Kamala Harris]
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3 **Resolution commending San Francisco District Attorney Kamala D. Harris for pursuing**
4 **justice in the prosecution of San Francisco Police Officer Isaac Espinoza's tragic**
5 **murder through the sentence of life without parole, not the death penalty, and**
6 **reaffirming the City's support for our District Attorney.**
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8 WHEREAS, Isaac Espinoza was an exemplary San Francisco Police Officer dedicated
9 to serving the community; and,

10 WHEREAS, Isaac Espinoza was tragically murdered in the line of duty; and,

11 WHEREAS, His family, friends and fellow officers and The City mourn this loss; and,

12 WHEREAS, Isaac Espinoza's fellow officers continue to risk their lives daily on behalf
13 of the citizens of San Francisco;

14 WHEREAS, District Attorney Kamala Harris has a considerable record of successfully
15 pursuing justice in the criminal courts; and,

16 WHEREAS, District Attorney Kamala Harris is highly respected for her abilities and
17 thoroughness in the prosecution of crime; and,

18 WHEREAS, District Attorney Kamala Harris has made the determination that pursuing
19 justice through the sentence of life without parole in the prosecution of the tragic murder of
20 Officer Isaac Espinoza is the best course of action to take; and,

21 WHEREAS, Justice will be best served for the Espinoza family and for San Francisco
22 through the prosecution for a life sentence without the possibility of parole; and,

23 WHEREAS, A sentence of life without parole will permanently take a violent criminal
24 off our City streets; and,
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1 WHEREAS, The District Attorney's principled stand on the death penalty is consistent
2 with that of the San Francisco Bar Association, SEIU, minority bar associations, the San
3 Francisco Chronicle, the San Francisco Examiner, numerous members of the clergy, the
4 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the City and
5 County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco commends Kamala Harris for
7 not pursuing the death penalty, but seeking justice through life in prison; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City reaffirms our support for our District Attorney;
9 and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City reaffirms our continued appreciation and
11 support for the dedicated men and women of the San Francisco Police department in their
12 efforts to make San Francisco safe for all of its citizens.



City and County of San Francisco

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Date Passed:

Resolution commending the San Francisco District Attorney Kamala Harris for not pursuing the death penalty, and reaffirming the City's support for our District Attorney.

May 25, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED


Ayes: 8 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Maxwell, McGoldrick,
Peskin

Noes: 2 - Ma, Sandoval

Excused: 1 - Hall

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 25, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

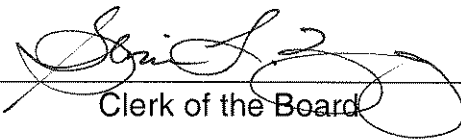

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: June 4, 2004

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.


Clerk of the Board

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