

1 [Department of Children, Youth and Their Families Community Needs Assessment]

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3 **Resolution approving the Community Needs Assessment developed by the Department**
4 **of Children, Youth and Their Families in accordance with Section 16.108 of the San**
5 **Francisco Charter.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Children’s Amendment (Charter Section 16.108) mandated that the
8 Department of Children, Youth and their Families (DCYF) spearhead the City’s overall
9 planning for children’s services to set forth a three-year framework for the goals and
10 objectives of children and youth services citywide; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2001, DCYF, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors adopted goals
12 for San Francisco’s children and youth through the approval of the Community Needs
13 Assessment as the first step of a three-year planning cycle; and,

14 WHEREAS, The goals identified in the 2011 Community Needs Assessment were that:
15 children and youth are healthy; children and youth are ready to learn and are succeeding in
16 school; children and youth live in safe, supported families and safe, supported and viable
17 communities; and that children and youth contribute to the growth, development and vitality of
18 San Francisco. During the 2010-2013 funding cycle, DCYF initiated a new developmentally-
19 based outcomes approach that focuses on tracking progress towards two of the four goals:
20 children are ready to learn and children and youth are succeeding in school; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Children’s Services Allocation Plan establishes funding priorities and
22 desired outcomes devised by DCYF to fulfill the two goals prioritized by the developmentally-
23 based outcomes approach in three primary areas: Core Investments (Early Care and
24 Education; Out of School Time; and Youth Leadership, Empowerment and Development),

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1 Foundational Support (Family Support; Beacon Initiative; Health and Nutrition; and Violence
2 Prevention and Intervention), and Systems Development; and,

3 WHEREAS, DCYF held public hearings on the Children’s Services Allocation Plan
4 before the DCYF Citizens Advisory Committee, Department of Public Health, Youth
5 Commission, Recreation and Parks Department, Human Services Agency, Juvenile Probation
6 Department, and involved key stakeholders, such as community-based organizations, the San
7 Francisco Unified School District and other city departments, to gather feedback and build
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14 support; and,

15 WHEREAS, DCYF is committed to taking a leadership role in implementing the
16 recommendations of the Children’s Services Allocation Plan; to facilitate joint planning at all
17 levels; to involve the community; to employ strategies that are inclusive, transparent, timely,
18 well informed and driven by the needs of children, youth and families; and to strengthen the
19 service delivery system for all children, youth and their families; and,

20 WHEREAS, In accordance with Charter Section 16.108, DCYF has submitted to the
21 Board of Supervisors a Children’s Services Allocation Plan as the second step of a three-year
22 planning cycle; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
24 approves the recommendations of the Children’s Services Allocation Plan developed by
25 DCYF.