

1 [California Seismic Safety Commission]

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3 **Resolution urging California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to withdraw his**  
4 **proposal to eliminate funding for the California Seismic Safety Commission.**

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6 WHEREAS, With passage of the Seismic Safety Commission Act in 1975, the Seismic  
7 Safety Commission was established to advise the Governor, Legislature, and state and local  
8 governments on ways to reduce earthquake risk; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Commission was formed in response to a need to provide a  
10 consistent policy framework and a means for coordinating on a continuing basis the  
11 earthquake-related programs of agencies at all governmental levels and their relationships  
12 with elements of the private sector involved in practices important to seismic safety; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Commission is responsible for managing California's Earthquake  
14 Hazards Reduction Program, reviewing seismic activities funded by the state, providing a  
15 consistent policy direction for earthquake-related programs for agencies at all government  
16 levels, proposing and reviewing earthquake-related legislation, conducting public hearings on  
17 seismic safety issues, recommending earthquake safety programs to governmental agencies  
18 and the private sector and investigating and evaluating earthquake damage and  
19 reconstruction efforts following damaging earthquakes; and,

20 WHEREAS, Recently, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed to eliminate funding  
21 for the California Seismic Safety Commission; and,

22 WHEREAS, In the wake of the recent failure of FEMA to respond effectively to the victims of  
23 Hurricane Katrina, the Governor's proposal to eliminate funding for emergency preparedness  
24 bodies such as the California Seismic Safety Commission is not appropriate; now, therefore,  
25 be it

1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 hereby urges Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to withdraw his proposal to eliminate funding  
3 for the California Seismic Safety Commission; and be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon final adoption of this resolution, the Clerk of the  
5 Board shall transmit copies to the Governor of California and members of San Francisco's  
6 state legislative delegation.

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