

1 **[Urging Preservation of AB 2034]**

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to preserve full funding of the**  
4 **Integrated Services for Homeless Adults Programs for mental health in the State**  
5 **Budget to ensure homeless prevention, housing security and essential services for**  
6 **mental health consumers.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Integrated Services for Homeless Adults Program (Assembly Bill  
9 2034) is an integral extension of Proposition 63, which was passed by California voters in  
10 November 2004. AB 2034 provides flexible funding to different County programs that focus  
11 on people with serious mental illness, who are also homeless, and seeks to end  
12 homelessness for this population by preventing returns to homelessness and assisting people  
13 faced with homelessness for the first time to find housing and vocational services; and,

14 WHEREAS, Nine out of the 35 County programs in California funded by Assembly Bill  
15 2034 are located within the Bay Area, which include San Francisco County's Mobile Support  
16 and Treatment Team (MOST), Alameda County's Berkeley Mental Health (BMH) service  
17 team, and Marin County Community Mental Health services, and which also receive the  
18 lowest per capita share of Proposition 63 funding; and,

19 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco was an early and strong supporter  
20 of Proposition 63 and despite San Francisco's disproportionately high share of homeless and  
21 indigent residents with mental health needs, the current allocation of funding for San  
22 Francisco is the lowest in the state due to the fact that the formula for allocating money to  
23 counties is based on population, rather than on need; and,

24 WHEREAS, There are an estimated 22,000 citizens of the City and County of San  
25 Francisco that are currently receiving services for mental illness and during the period

1 between July 2006 and December 2006, 13% of new clients applying for mental health  
2 services were reported as homeless; and,

3 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's Homeless Count of 2005 found  
4 6,248 persons living on City streets, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health  
5 estimates that between 30% and 70% of this population suffers from mental illness; and,

6 WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed, in his January 2007  
7 budget, to eliminate funding for Integrated Services for Homeless Adults program to care for  
8 homeless adults with mental illness, stating that similar services are available under the  
9 Mental Health Services Act; and,

10 WHEREAS, This proposed cut not only violates the spirit of Proposition 63, but also  
11 violates specific legal requirements that the state maintain funding for existing programs at  
12 existing General Fund levels. Also, funds received through Proposition 63 may not be loaned  
13 to the General Fund or any other fund of the state or county. Revenues gained through the  
14 Mental Health Services Act should only be used to fund services that are authorized by  
15 Section 5892 of Proposition 63; and now therefore, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges Governor  
17 Arnold Schwarzenegger to preserve full funding of programs for mental health in the State  
18 Budget to ensure homeless prevention, housing security and services for mental health  
19 consumers; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk  
21 of the Board to send this resolution to the offices of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger,  
22 Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Senator Carol Migden, Senator Barbara Boxer, Senator Diane  
23 Feinstein, Senator Don Perata, Assemblymember Mark Leno, Assemblymember Fiona Ma,  
24 and Dr. Steven W. Mayberg, Director of California Department of Mental Health.

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