

1 [Environmental Justice]

2 URGING THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR DAVIS TO
3 APPROVE SENATE BILL 89 RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS ON MINORITY
4 AND LOW-INCOME POPULATIONS.

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6 WHEREAS, According to a federal Environmental Working Group study, communities
7 of color are three times more likely to be exposed to unsafe levels of air pollutants than white
8 neighborhoods; and,

9 WHEREAS, The rates of breast cancer deaths, asthma, cervical cancer, prostate
10 cancer in the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood in San Francisco, an area which is 60
11 percent African American and surrounded by industrial development and toxic waste sites,
12 are disproportionately higher than other parts of San Francisco; and,

13 WHEREAS, The California Environmental Protection Agency, the Resources Agency,
14 and the State Department of Health Services implement, administer, and enforce various
15 environmental laws and regulations in the state; and,

16 WHEREAS, The California State Legislature is currently considering Senate Bill 89,
17 which was introduced by Senator Escutia; and,

18 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 89 would create a Working Group on Environmental Justice for
19 the purpose of identifying disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental
20 effects on minority and low-income populations; and,

21 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 89 would require the Working Group on Environmental Justice
22 to provide guidance to the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Resources
23 Agency, and the State Department of Health Services; and,

24 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 89 would require the Working Group on Environmental Justice,
25 the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Resources Agency, and the State

1 Department of Health Services to take specified actions to develop an agency-wide strategy
2 to identify and address issues relating to environmental justice; and,

3 WHEREAS, Senate Bill 89 is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
4 No. 990095 ; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses Senate Bill 89
6 and urges the Legislature and Governor to approve this legislation; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the
8 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from San Francisco in the
9 State Legislature, as well as Governor Davis, with a request they take all action necessary to
10 achieve the objectives of this resolution.

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City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

File Number: 990095

Date Passed:

Resolution urging the California State Legislature and Governor Davis to approve Senate Bill 89 relating to environmental effects on minority and low-income populations.

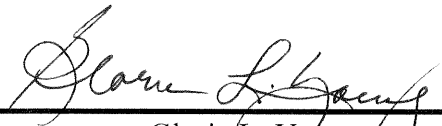
January 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 7 - Bierman, Brown, Katz, Leno, Yaki, Yee, Ammiano

Absent: 4 - Becerril, Kaufman, Newsom, Teng

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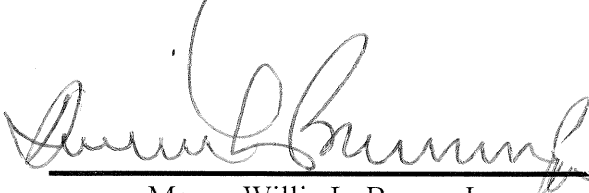
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 25, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.