

AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE - 7/27/04

FILE NO. 040667

MOTION NO.

1 [Declaration of Policy Concerning San Francisco Transactions and Use Tax Expenditures.]

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3 **Motion submitting a declaration of policy to the qualified electors of the City and**  
4 **County of San Francisco at the November 2, 2004 election concerning the voters' non-**  
5 **binding recommendation that the proposed one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) San**  
6 **Francisco Transactions and Use Tax be expended to support and expand programs for**  
7 **trauma and emergency services, low-income, vulnerable communities, including**  
8 **seniors, the disabled, children and homeless individuals and families.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors has adopted an ordinance ordering submission  
11 to the voters at the November 2, 2004 election of a one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) San  
12 Francisco Transactions and Use Tax, which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
13 Supervisors in File No. 040751 and is hereby declared to be a part of this motion as if set forth  
14 fully herein; and,

15 WHEREAS, The proposed San Francisco Transactions and Use Tax, if approved by a  
16 majority of the qualified electors voting on the question, would be imposed under California  
17 Revenue and Taxation Code Section 7285 as a general tax that may be used for any City  
18 purpose; and,

19 WHEREAS, Pursuant to San Francisco Charter Section 2.113, the Board of  
20 Supervisors may submit declarations of policy to the voters; and,

21 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Charter Section 2.113, the Board of Supervisors may submit a  
22 declaration of policy allowing the voters to express their non-binding recommendation that the  
23 City use the revenues from the proposed San Francisco Transactions and Use Tax to support  
24 and expand programs for low-income, vulnerable communities, including seniors, the  
25 disabled;and children and homeless individuals and families; and,

1           WHEREAS, The declaration of policy proposed by this motion is a non-binding  
2 statement of the voters' recommendation and would not impose the proposed San Francisco  
3 Transactions and Use Tax adopted under California Revenue and Taxation Code Section  
4 7285 for specific purposes nor would it restrict the ability of the City to expend the proceeds  
5 derived from the proposed tax for any City purpose; now, therefore, be it

6           MOVED, That the Director of Elections shall place a declaration of policy on the ballot  
7 for the November 2, 2004 election, as follows:

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9           "This measure is NOT a tax. It is a declaration of policy only that states the non-  
10 binding recommendation of the voters of the City and County of San Francisco that the  
11 proposed one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) San Francisco Transactions and Use Tax be  
12 used to support and expand programs for low-income, vulnerable populations, including  
13 seniors,and children ~~and homeless individuals and families~~. Examples of the types of  
14 programs for which the voters recommend the City use the revenues from the proposed tax  
15 include:

- 16           a. Programs which provide and maintain trauma and emergency medical and health  
17           services;
- 18           b. Programs for seniors and the disabled, ~~such as the expansion of homecare,~~  
19           ~~increasing funding for home-delivered and congregate meals, increasing funding for~~  
20           ~~paratransit services, funding for services in supportive housing for seniors and~~  
21           ~~adults with disabilities, and other home and community-based services that support~~  
22           ~~community living, consumer advocacy, empowerment and training for seniors and~~  
23           ~~the disabled and advocates for seniors and the disabled;~~
- 24           c. Programs for children, families and the homeless.

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- 1           ~~b. Programs for children and youth, such as providing childcare subsidies for low~~  
2           ~~wage working parents not eligible for state and federal funds, summer recreation~~  
3           ~~and sports programs, after school and family support programs for children with~~  
4           ~~special needs, job preparation and employment programs for youth in high violence~~  
5           ~~neighborhoods, and neighborhood and family resource centers that provide multi-~~  
6           ~~services in high need and under-served neighborhoods;~~
- 7           ~~c. Programs designed to end and prevent homelessness such as providing subsidies~~  
8           ~~for rent and social services for supportive housing tenants, employment~~  
9           ~~preparedness training for homeless and formerly homeless people, increasing the~~  
10           ~~number of slots in substance abuse programs, expanding community-based mental~~  
11           ~~health care, and funding eviction prevention and money management programs.~~

12           The voters understand and reiterate their intent that the recommendations in this  
13           declaration of policy are purely advisory and do not limit in any way the ability of the City to  
14           expend the revenues from the proposed San Francisco Transactions and Use Tax for any  
15           City purpose.”