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INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor

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I hereby submit the following item for introduction:

- _____ 1. For reference to Committee:
An ordinance, resolution, motion, or charter amendment.
- x 2. Request for next printed agenda without reference to Committee
- _____ 3. Request for Committee hearing on a subject matter.
- _____ 4. Request for letter beginning "Supervisor _____ inquires...".
- _____ 5. City Attorney request.
- _____ 6. Call file from Committee.
- _____ 7. Budget Analyst request (attach written motion).
- _____ 8. Substitute Legislation File Nos.
- _____ 9. Request for Closed Session
- _____ 10. Board to Sit as A Committee of the Whole

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
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Sponsor(s): Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier

SUBJECT: Supporting Network Neutrality Principles

The text is listed below or attached:

See attached.



Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: _____

For Clerk's Use Only:

1 [Urging the FCC to codify strong network neutrality principles.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Federal Communications Commission to codify strong network**
4 **neutrality principles in order to ensure that the Internet will continue to foster**
5 **innovation, increase competition, and spur economic growth as well as making the**
6 **Internet faster and more affordable for all.**

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8 WHEREAS, "Network neutrality" has been defined as the principle of an open and free
9 Internet that fosters competition and innovation among service and content providers and
10 offers consumers access to the content and services of their choice; and,

11 WHEREAS, With growth of the Internet and the increased demand for more broadband
12 video, data, and telephone service, infrastructure network executives have indicated the
13 likelihood that content providers will be charged more for faster data/content delivery, in part,
14 to offset the cost of new high-speed lines; and,

15 WHEREAS, Many are concerned that charging for services will lead to a type of
16 Internet "toll road" where an individual's access to locations on the Internet will be faster to the
17 websites of those content providers who pay a higher price to the network owner; and,

18 WHEREAS, Without network neutrality, smaller companies and individuals will be
19 unable to afford premium network access which will thus, hurt competition and the innovation
20 that has been the hallmark of the Internet to date; and,

21 WHEREAS, In 2005, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a policy
22 statement that outlined four principles to preserve and promote the open and interconnected
23 nature of the Internet; and,

24 WHEREAS, The FCC statement declared that consumers are entitled to access to the
25 Internet content of their choice, to run applications and services of their choice, and to enjoy

1 all possible benefits of competition among network providers, application and service
2 providers, and content providers; and,

3 WHEREAS, While these principles guide FCC policymaking, they do not impose any
4 enforcement power and are not a clear endorsement for net neutrality; and,

5 WHEREAS, In September 2009, Julius Genachowski, the current FCC chairman,
6 proposed expanding the principles and creating formalized rules that explicitly extend to
7 wireless networks; and,

8 WHEREAS, In opposition to this proposal, Senator John McCain introduced legislation
9 that would eliminate the FCC's ability to "propose, promulgate, or issue any regulations
10 regarding the Internet or IP-enabled services"; and,

11 WHEREAS, The future of the Internet remains in jeopardy until the FCC promulgates
12 meaningful, enforceable protections for network neutrality; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the Federal
14 Communications Commission to codify strong network neutrality principles in order to ensure
15 that the Internet will continue to foster innovation, increase competition, and spur economic
16 growth as well as making the Internet faster and more affordable for all; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Mayor direct the
18 federal legislative advocate to advocate in favor of this position; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk to send a copy
20 of this resolution to our federal legislative delegation and the Federal Communications
21 Commission.