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2 That California Gets Its Fair Share of Federal Funding.]

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5 **Congressional Delegation, and the State Legislature to work together to ensure**
6 **that the 2006 federal budget now under consideration provides California its fair**
7 **share of federal funding.**

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9 WHEREAS, California is the largest state in the nation with more than 36 million
10 residents and more than 12% of the nation's population; and,

11 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco's diverse population
12 accounts for a large percentage of California's taxpayers and contributes to California's
13 growth; and,

14 WHEREAS, Last year Californians paid \$50 billion more in taxes to the federal
15 government than they got back in federal services and spending, and the total reached
16 more than \$300 billion for the past nine years; and,

17 WHEREAS, California's economy, especially in San Francisco, during the
18 recession saw an even sharper drop in revenues than many states, counties and cities
19 because of the importance of the high tech sector to our economy, and at the same
20 time, the recession led to greater demand on state and county services as people lost
21 their jobs, their health insurance, and even their homes; and,

22 WHEREAS, While California grapples with finding ways to provide health care,
23 education, food assistance and childcare to more than 6 million poor and uninsured
24 Californians, we receive proportionately less federal monies for social services than
25 other states; and,

1 WHEREAS, The federal poverty level which is \$9,310 for a single person and is
2 \$18,850 for a family of four, is not sufficient to support a family in any area of California;
3 and,

4 WHEREAS, California has the nation's largest number of Medicaid enrollees but
5 ranks last in federal Medicaid spending per enrollee; and,

6 WHEREAS, San Francisco may face a loss of approximately \$17 million due to
7 federal reductions in Medicaid funding; and,

8 WHEREAS, California and 12 other states also get the lowest matching rate for
9 the State Children's Health Insurance Program, known in California as "Healthy
10 Families;" and,

11 WHEREAS, California, with 12% of the population, receives only 9.1% of federal
12 highway funds, and if we got a percentage based on population, we would receive an
13 additional \$900 million each year in funding for highway projects and transportation;
14 and,

15 WHEREAS, The federal government underfunded the "No Child Left Behind Act"
16 by more than \$700 million for California in 2005 alone; and

17 WHEREAS, California is owed more than \$1 billion for the underfunded
18 "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act;" and,

19 WHEREAS, California is the number one agricultural producer and exporter and
20 grows more than half of the nation's fruits and vegetables but California farmers collect
21 just 3.7% of federal agricultural subsidies; and,

22 WHEREAS, California has been a donor state since 1987 and it is time to
23 change the outdated federal formulas that routinely shortchange Californians; and,

24 WHEREAS, California is uniquely positioned to change the outdated formulas
25 because Californians now chair the key Appropriations, Way and Means, Rules,

1 Resources, and Armed Forces committees of the House of Representatives; now
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors
4 urges Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, the California Congressional Delegation, and
5 the State Legislature to work together in a bi-partisan coalition to ensure that the 2006
6 federal budget now under consideration provides California its fair share of federal
7 funding.

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