

1 [Opposing the "Public Works Initiative"]
2 OPPOSING THE PUBLIC WORKS INITIATIVE PROPOSED FOR THE STATEWIDE
3 BALLOT IN MARCH, 2000.

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5 WHEREAS, Current law permits cities to contract for private
6 architectural and engineering services based on demonstrated
7 competence and qualification for the services to be performed and at
8 fair and reasonable prices, and contracts for these services do not
9 need to be competitively bid; and,

10 WHEREAS, State agencies have the same right except that services
11 which have historically or customarily been performed by state civil
12 service employees may not be contracted out; and,

13 WHEREAS, The measure known as the "Public Works Initiative" has
14 been proposed by the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of
15 California (CELSOC), and this initiative addresses the contracting
16 out by state and local agencies for private, professional
17 architectural, landscape architectural, environmental, engineering,
18 land surveying and construction project management services; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Public Works Initiative would eliminate all local
20 government contracting practices and require the development,
21 approval and imposition of new statewide contracting procedures on
22 local governments and districts; and,

23 WHEREAS, By imposing new state regulations on local governments
24 - including cities, counties, school districts and special districts

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1 - the Initiative will cause delay in vital infrastructure projects
2 and the loss of local control and autonomy; and,

3 WHEREAS, While the Initiative would continue cities' ability to
4 contract for private architectural and engineering services, it would
5 require that those services be procured through "a fair and
6 competitive selection process," a term which is undefined, ambiguous
7 and open to many legal interpretations, thus subjecting the
8 regulations to legal challenges which will further delay projects;
9 and,

10 WHEREAS, The Public Works Initiative is unnecessary because
11 local governments currently have complete authority to contract out
12 architectural and engineering services without state government
13 interference or restrictions; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco opposes the
15 Public Works Initiative proposed for the statewide ballot in March,
16 2000.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

File Number: 991972

Date Passed:

Resolution opposing the Public Works Initiative proposed for the statewide ballot in March, 2000.

October 25, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng,
Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Becerril

File No. 991972

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was ADOPTED on October 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.