

1 [Commending Supervisor Aaron Peskin]

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3 **Resolution commending and honoring Aaron Peskin for his distinguished service as**  
4 **President and member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.**

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6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Aaron Peskin was first elected to the San Francisco Board of  
7 Supervisors in 2000 and re-elected in 2004 to serve the people of the City and County of San  
8 Francisco and the constituents of District 3; and,

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin served his community with sensitivity, dedication, a  
10 strong sense of ethics, and dogged determination for eight years as a member of its  
11 Legislative Body; and,

12 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin was unanimously elected by his colleagues to serve as  
13 the President of the Board in January 2004 and again in January 2006; and,

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin's expansive record of legislative accomplishments  
15 touched on nearly every aspect of City and County government; and,

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin championed legislation to preserve San Francisco's  
17 historic fabric by authoring a successful Charter amendment to establish a Historic  
18 Preservation Commission, placing identifying street signs in each of the City's historic  
19 districts, and applying local historic landmark protections to over a dozen individual structures,  
20 most notably Mission High School, the Drexler/Colombo Building, the Old Mint, the Glazer-  
21 Keating House and City Lights Bookstore; and,

22 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin authored Proposition A in 2007, a ballot measure to  
23 bring much-needed reform and oversight to San Francisco's Municipal Transportation  
24 Authority; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin authored numerous ordinances aimed at maintaining  
2 the unique character of the North Beach and Chinatown communities, including legislation  
3 overhauling the North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District and encouraging  
4 neighborhood-serving retail, laws restricting chain stores in North Beach and Chinatown and  
5 ordinances protecting ground-floor retail and office establishments from irresponsible  
6 development in nearby Jackson Square; and,

7           WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin was a fierce advocate for preserving San Francisco's  
8 natural environment during his tenure on the Board, where he led the battle against the ill-  
9 advised SFO runway expansion that would have filled 100+ acres of our precious Bay, wrote  
10 legislation to protect Ferry Park, prohibit restaurants from using Styrofoam food containers,  
11 protect San Francisco's prized wild parrots and implement green building standards for new  
12 large-scale developments in the City; and,

13           WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin was a tireless advocate for tenants, authoring  
14 legislation to require relocation assistance payments to all tenants displaced by Ellis Act  
15 evictions, limiting operating and maintenance (O&M) pass-throughs and protecting the right of  
16 tenants to communicate with their neighbors about important issues facing their community;  
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18           WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin revolutionized the use of Business Improvement  
19 Districts as a vehicle for neighborhood self-actualization by authoring local enabling legislation  
20 for BIDs and successfully shepherding through new districts across San Francisco; and,

21           WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin led the fight to reform the City's campaign and ethics  
22 laws by authoring legislation to require political robo-calls to identify who paid for them,  
23 closing the loophole on development permit lobbying and on campaign consultants who lobby  
24 City officials, prohibiting political candidates from giving anything of value to voters in  
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1 exchange for their vote, prohibiting former Supervisors from lobbying their old colleagues and  
2 prohibiting corporate contributions to City candidates, amongst many others; and,

3 WHEREAS, Despite numerous hefty legislative accomplishments, Supervisor Peskin  
4 remained steadfastly focused on the small but important details of City operation by writing  
5 legislation creating a vehicle fleet management program to centralize vehicle management  
6 and maintenance and drastically reduce waste and inefficiencies as well as writing legislation  
7 to require manhole and utility covers to be slip-resistant; and,

8 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin authored landmark legislation to protect the financial  
9 privacy of San Franciscans as well as a ground-breaking consumer safety legislation to  
10 regulate fortune-telling in our City; and,

11 WHEREAS, The greatest testament to an elected official's effectiveness and  
12 temperament is the constancy and loyalty of their staff, and Supervisor Peskin doubtless  
13 broke any previous record for the least staff turnover of any two-term Supervisor in the City's  
14 history; and,

15 WHEREAS, Supervisor Peskin's contributions to the City and County of San Francisco  
16 will benefit generations of San Franciscans to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the members of the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the officers,  
18 employees and citizens of this City, do hereby take public recognition of the distinguished  
19 contributions which Supervisor Aaron Peskin made to the people of San Francisco; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board, on behalf of the entire City family, wishes  
21 Supervisor Aaron Peskin the absolute best in whatever adventures lay ahead.

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