

1 [Condemning Californians for Population Stabilization (CAPS) TV and Radio Ads]

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3 **Resolution Condemning Californians for Population Stabilization's (CAPS) TV and**
4 **Radio Ads and Urging Local Media Outlets Not to Air Racist and Anti-Immigrant Ads**

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6 WHEREAS, Californians for Population Stabilization (CAPS) has been airing the TV
7 ad, "Ecological Footprint" in which they pose the question to the public "Concerned about
8 America's huge carbon footprint? Then you should be concerned about immigration"; and,

9 WHEREAS, CAPS has purchased time on local television station KRON-4 which has
10 aired the ad in the Bay Area; and

11 WHEREAS, CAPS, an anti-immigrant organization is scapegoating immigrants by
12 blaming California's environmental problems and global warming on immigrants; and,

13 WHEREAS, Their ads declare without basis that "Immigrants produce four times more
14 carbon emissions in the U.S. than in their home country" and that "Immigration will drive the
15 population increase equal to the entire American west in just 30 years"; and,

16 WHEREAS, CAPS is using global warming and environmental issues as strategies to
17 promote their anti-immigrant sentiments and ideas but claim to work on preserving the quality
18 of life for all Californians by stabilizing the population; and,

19 WHEREAS, CAPS also asserts that "Reducing immigration won't change global
20 warming but it is part of the solution"; and,

21 WHEREAS, Groups such as CAPS are fixated on blaming immigration for our
22 environmental issues when the central problem lies in U.S consumption patterns; and,

23 WHEREAS, Writer Andrea Christina Nill stated in her article dated October 22, 2009
24 and published in the LA Progressive, that Americans consume energy and are dependent on
25 non-renewable fossil fuels such as automobiles; and,

1 WHEREAS, Nill's article also states that immigrants are doing what most planners urge
2 us to do: walk, bike, or bus; and,

3 WHEREAS, San Francisco, a city built by the diversity of its residents, opposes fear
4 mongering, xenophobia, racism, and anti-immigrant sentiments; and,

5 WHEREAS, Community activists, as well as local immigrant rights organizations, have
6 all condemned CAPS's anti-immigration ads; therefore, be it,

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 does hereby condemn the language used in CAPS's ads and urge local media outlets not to
9 air racist and anti-immigrant attack ads.

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Resolution condemning Californians for Population Stabilization (CAPS) TV and Radio Ads.

November 10, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell, Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 10, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

11-20-09

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom