

1 [Opposing Proposition 54.]

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3 **Resolution opposing Proposition 54 on the October 7, 2003 ballot which would bar**
4 **most state agencies from collecting individual racial and ethnic data.**

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6 WHEREAS, Proposition 54, also known deceptively as the “Racial Privacy Initiative”
7 would bar most state agencies from collecting individual racial and ethnic data and forbid
8 government agencies from classifying students, contractors, or employees by race; and

9 WHEREAS, Lack of racial and ethnic data will severely hinder public health efforts to
10 study and address serious health disparities between different communities; and,

11 WHEREAS, There will be significant barriers to investigating racial profiling and hate
12 crimes without the collection of racial and ethnic data; and,

13 WHEREAS, Lack of racial and ethnic data will also hinder the state in its efforts to
14 improve education in general and specifically for students from historically disadvantaged
15 communities; and

16 WHEREAS, Collection of racial and ethnic data by state agencies is crucial to our
17 efforts to address the numerous disparities that exist between different ethnic communities;
18 now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 oppose Proposition 54 on the October 7, 2003 ballot.

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