

1 [Commendation for Laura Ware]

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3 **Resolution commending Laura Ware for fourteen years of leadership, commitment, and**
4 **dedicated service to improving the lives of homeless people in San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, Laura Ware has spent 17 years working for and with homeless people in
7 San Francisco; and,

8 WHEREAS, Laura Ware co-authored the Coalition of Homelessness (COH) transitional
9 housing study entitled “ The Next Step,” which led directly to the creation of the Cambridge
10 Hotel Program and the Community Housing Partnership (CHP); and,

11 WHEREAS, Laura Ware is currently the CHP Director of Employment and Training,
12 which provides permanent housing with optional support services to over 300 formerly
13 homeless families and individuals; and,

14 WHEREAS, In large part because of Ware’s efforts, over 55% of CHP’s staff are
15 formerly homeless people, thus validating the belief that poor and homeless people, with the
16 proper training and support system, can serve their community with great effectiveness; and,

17 WHEREAS, Laura Ware was also the primary architect of the community input process
18 for both the Continuum of Care plans and the HUD McKinney grants for the City;

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Ware worked with the COH and the City to pass San Francisco’s local
20 low-income hiring plan on all government contracts; and,

21 WHEREAS, Laura Ware has been a resource to organizations throughout the country
22 who have endeavored to duplicate CHP’s strong community commitment in its housing and
23 economic development activities;

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1 WHEREAS, Ms. Ware has also served as a member of the COH's Board guiding the
2 development of the organization's structure to ensure that the involvement of homeless
3 people and front-line staff is at the core of all their work; and,

4 WHEREAS, Serving as the Board President for the Central City Hospitality House, Ms.
5 Ware guided the organization through a tough reorganization of their board and instituted the
6 current system of strong community connections and accountability;
7 now therefore, be it,

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commend Laura Ware for
9 fourteen years of leadership, commitment, and dedicated service to improving the lives of
10 homeless people in San Francisco.

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