

1 [Urging US Senate and US Congressional Opposition to Proposed Changes to Section 8  
2 Housing Policy]

3 **Resolution urging United States Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and**  
4 **United States Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi to oppose changes to Federal Section 8**  
5 **Housing Policy.**

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7 WHEREAS, Section 8 Housing Policy has been a cornerstone of federal housing  
8 policy for thirty years and currently provides rent vouchers to nearly 2 million families,  
9 disabled people and the elderly; and,

10 WHEREAS, Section 8 Housing Policy allows participants to live in decent, safe, and  
11 sanitary housing that they would otherwise be unable to afford; and,

12 WHEREAS, Three quarters of the families awarded rent vouchers via the Section 8  
13 Housing Choice Voucher Program are extremely poor; and,

14 WHEREAS, Section 8 Housing Policy has been a popular and successful program  
15 because of the speed with which assistance is provided, the choice it allows families with  
16 regard to housing, the manner in which it disperses families across communities, and the  
17 manner in which it prevents the formation of concentrated low-income housing developments;  
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, Proposed changes to Section 8 Housing Policy would eliminate provisions  
20 requiring families to pay no more than two-fifths of their rent and requiring that three-quarters  
21 of the vouchers go to extremely poor families, allowing funds to be directed away from those  
22 who need it most; and,

23 WHEREAS, Proposed changes to Section 8 Housing Policy would remove the  
24 government's guarantee of a specified number of rent vouchers with a specific sum thereby  
25 allowing for decreases in funding; and,

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1           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to providing  
2 affordable, safe, decent housing to the elderly, disabled, and poor families; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4           RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges United States Senator  
5 Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator Babara Boxer, and United States Congresswoman  
6 Nancy Pelosi to oppose the proposed changes to Section 8 Housing Policy.

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