

1 [Bail Schedule]

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3 **Resolution urging the presiding judge of the ~~Municipal~~ Superior Court to convene the**
4 **Judge’s Bail Committee ~~in conjunction with the Superior Court~~ and in consultation with**
5 **the San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department to**
6 **assess the bail schedule in order to determine what adjustments are needed to bring**
7 **San Francisco in line with other Bay Area counties.**

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9 WHEREAS, The bail schedule is set by the judiciary and is used as a guideline for
10 judges when a defendant first appears in court; and

11 WHEREAS, The bail schedule has not been adjusted since October of 1998 when
12 Supervisor Jose Medina asked that a review be conducted; and,

13 WHEREAS, The bail schedule, when adjusted in 1998, was still lower than that of San
14 Mateo County, Alameda County and Contra Costa County; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Board is concerned with the maintenance of a bail schedule that is
16 comparable to bail schedules in neighboring counties for offenses involving violence and drug
17 trafficking offenses; and,

18 WHEREAS, Based on San Francisco’s lower bail schedules, most suspected drug
19 crime defendants find it easier to get out of jail while awaiting a trial in the City than in any of
20 the surrounding Bay Area counties; now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does
22 hereby urge the presiding judge of the ~~Municipal~~ Superior Court to convene the Judge’s Bail
23 Committee ~~in conjunction with the Superior Court~~ to assess the bail schedule in order to
24 determine what adjustments are needed to bring San Francisco in line with other Bay Area
25 counties; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee should convene to examine whether bails
2 set at the current schedule are securing return of accused defendant's to stand trial; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee should examine whether bails are
4 securing return of defendants without new offenses; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee should examine whether bail schedules
6 should be modified or other court policies changed to address these issues; and , be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police and Sheriff's Departments are
8 consulted regarding jail population and overcrowding during this assessment process.

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