

1 [Supporting Governor Brown’s Proposal to Eliminate the California Department of Corrections
2 and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities]

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4 **Resolution supporting Governor Brown’s proposal to eliminate the California**
5 **Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Facilities, and**
6 **affirming San Francisco’s moratorium against sending youth to State run detention**
7 **facilities for youth.**

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9 WHEREAS, over the past 20 years numerous policy experts and commissions have
10 called for closure of the Division of Juvenile Facilities, including the Legislative Analyst’s
11 Office, the Little Hoover Commission, and the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice; and

12 WHEREAS, the Superior Court of California has found that the Division of Juvenile
13 Facilities is currently providing inadequate housing and treatment to its juvenile wards which
14 is posing a risk to the safety of staff and wards and hindering rehabilitative efforts; and,

15 WHEREAS, California counties drastically vary in arrest and incarceration policies yet
16 reliance on State incarceration has no effect on juvenile crime rates or trends; and,

17 WHEREAS, model juvenile justice practices minimize use of State incarceration
18 including adult criminal court transfers for serious juvenile crimes; and,

19 WHEREAS, there are 13 counties that accounted for 46% of all commitments to the
20 Division of Juvenile Facilities in 2009, but only 37% of juvenile felony arrests; and,

21 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors declared a moratorium against sending youths
22 to the Division of Juvenile Facilities in 2004 in Resolution 138-04; and

23 WHEREAS, San Francisco already utilizes locally self-reliant juvenile justice practices
24 to serve its serious juvenile offenders; and,

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1 WHEREAS, juvenile justice research finds that adopting local best juvenile justice
2 practices reduces victimization and recidivism; and,

3 WHEREAS, currently the Division of Juvenile Facilities costs \$383 million of the State
4 budget to serve only 1% of the juvenile justice population; and,

5 WHEREAS, the State is facing a \$28 billion dollar deficit and can no longer afford to
6 maintain a dual juvenile justice system; and,

7 WHEREAS, if counties were provided additional resources and technical assistance to
8 modify their juvenile justice practices, all juvenile offenders could be adequately served at the
9 county level; and

10 WHEREAS, the Governor's proposed budget allocates \$78 million to the counties
11 during the first year and \$242 million to the counties in the third year to complete the
12 realignment; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the Governor's proposal to
14 eliminate the Division of Juvenile Facilities by June 30, 2014, and realign juvenile justice
15 practices to the county level; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms its moratorium
17 against sending youths to the Division of Juvenile Facilities and its commitment to providing
18 model juvenile justice practices at the county level to juvenile justice system involved youth;
19 and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs
21 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Brown, Senator Mark
22 Leno, Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee and Representative Bob
23 Blumenfield, Chair of the Assembly Budget Committee.

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