

1 **[Support Assembly Bill 117]**

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3 **Resolution supporting Assembly Bill 117, the Community Choice Bill.**

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5 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117-- the Community Choice Bill – which authorizes  
6 California municipalities to purchase electricity and electricity services on behalf of their  
7 communities from alternative providers, was passed by the California Assembly and Senate  
8 on August 29, 2002, and enrolled and sent to Governor Davis on September 13, 2002 for his  
9 signature or veto by September 30, 2002; and

10 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors passed a resolution in support of  
11 a Community Choice bill, Resolution Number 775-99 on August 27, 1999, followed by the  
12 sponsorship of such legislation by Assemblywoman Carole Migden in 2001 as Assembly Bill  
13 48x and Assembly Bill 9xx, which was approved by the Assembly and Senate but vetoed by  
14 Governor Davis in 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, San Francisco residents and businesses continue to be burdened by high  
16 electricity rates and rate increases; and

17 WHEREAS Pacific Gas and Electric remains in bankruptcy, which with the accounting  
18 and market manipulation scandals of Enron and other major energy companies has rendered  
19 the future of San Francisco's electricity supply even more volatile and uncertain; and

20 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the City and County of San Francisco to protect  
21 the welfare of its residents and businesses; and

22 WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 would create the opportunity for the City and County of  
23 San Francisco to seek alternative power providers, lower, more stable electricity prices, and  
24 enhanced energy security for its communities; and

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1           WHEREAS, electricity generation is among the largest causes of environmental  
2 pollution and related public health problems such as childhood asthma, climate change and  
3 nuclear proliferation; and

4           WHEREAS It is the responsibility of the City and County of San Francisco to answer  
5 voter approval of Propositions B and H in 2001 as a mandate to clean up the community's  
6 electricity supply and establish its energy independence; and

7           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 would enable the City and County of San Francisco to  
8 pursue greater energy independence for its community through the purchase and  
9 development of renewable energy resources and the administration of local energy efficiency  
10 and conservation programs; and

11           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 would provide the City and County of San Francisco with  
12 the authority to pursue the policies outlined in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's  
13 Energy Plan of August, 2002; and

14           WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 117 is supported by a large and diverse coalition, including  
15 the League of Women Voters of California, California Public Interest Research Group, The  
16 Utility Reform Network, Public Citizen, Greenpeace, and dozens of California local  
17 governments including Marin County, Oakland, and Berkeley, as well as the California League  
18 of Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and others, and is not opposed by  
19 Pacific Gas and Electric; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
21 supports Assembly Bill 117, and urges Governor Davis to sign the Community Choice bill into  
22 law.

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