

FILE NO. 990699

RESOLUTION NO. 354-99

1 [CENSUS DATA - USE OF ACCURACY AND COVERAGE EVALUATION]  
2 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO SUPPORT THE USE OF FEDERAL  
3 FUNDING FOR AN ACCURACY AND COVERAGE EVALUATION (STATISTICAL  
4 SAMPLING) AND TO DEFEAT BILLS THAT WOULD DISALLOW SUCH USE IN ORDER  
5 TO ENSURE A MORE ACCURATE COUNT IN THE 2000 CENSUS.

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7 WHEREAS, On January 25, 1999, the United States Supreme Court  
8 struck down the federal government's plan to use statistical sampling  
9 in the 2000 census to determine the population for congressional  
10 apportionment purposes; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court January ruling appears to continue to  
12 allow statistical sampling for purposes other than congressional  
13 apportionment, including redistricting and the way federal funds are  
14 allocated to the states; and,

15 WHEREAS, Statistical sampling involves visiting a randomly  
16 selected sample of households in each neighborhood and using the  
17 findings to extrapolate the size and makeup of all households in a  
18 neighborhood; and,

19 WHEREAS, While statistical sampling is not a perfect method, it  
20 may be used effectively as a supplement to a head count in order to  
21 make the census count more accurate, and will almost certainly add to  
22 the number of minorities and low income people who are included in  
23 the 2000 Census count; and,

24 WHEREAS, Minority groups and low income individuals have been  
25 historically undercounted by the census; and,

1           WHEREAS, The population count produced by the Census is used to  
2 distribute about \$185 billion in annual federal grants for social  
3 programs including affordable housing, welfare, health care; and,

4           WHEREAS, The Director of the United States Census Bureau has  
5 publicly announced that he plan to set aside money to do an accuracy  
6 and coverage evaluation (statistical sampling) in the Census 2000  
7 count; and,

8           WHEREAS, There are currently federal bills pending in the United  
9 States Congress that would unduly burden the Census Bureau and make  
10 it unlikely that sampling will be used; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
12 of San Francisco urges the United States Congress to allow federal  
13 census funding to be used for an accuracy and coverage evaluation  
14 (statistical sampling); and, be it

15           FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to  
16 his Honor, the Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the  
17 delegation from California in the United States Congress and to the  
18 Chairs of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight,  
19 Subcommittee on the Census, the House Committee on Appropriations,  
20 Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, the  
21 Senate Committee on Government Affairs, and the Senate Appropriations  
22 Committee to urge their support for the use of an accuracy and  
23 coverage evaluation.



# City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution urging the United States Congress to support the use of federal funding for an accuracy and coverage evaluation (statistical sampling) and to defeat bills that would disallow such use in order to ensure a more accurate count in the 2000 Census.

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April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — SEVERED FROM FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT COMMITTEE REFERENCE AGENDA

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

April 19, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on April 19, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

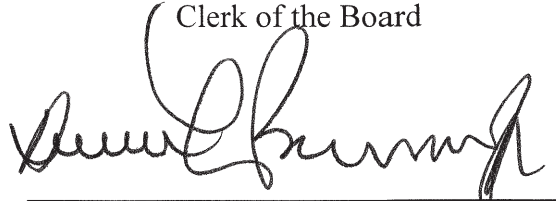


Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.