

1 [Urging the Governor to consider postponing further Central Freeway touchdown ramp
2 construction, to allow study of alternative configurations]

3 **Resolution urging the Governor to consider postponing further construction work on**
4 **the Central Freeway touchdown ramp, to allow the City and State to study alternative**
5 **Central Freeway configurations that may better serve traffic flow and lessen the**
6 **negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Central Freeway was damaged by the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake,
9 resulting in the eventual demolition of the elevated viaducts north of Market Street; and

10 WHEREAS, As a result of three successive ballot measures, the voters of San
11 Francisco decided to replace the portion of the Central Freeway north of Market Street with a
12 boulevard along Octavia Street, connecting to new touchdown ramps at the intersection of
13 Market and Octavia Streets; and,

14 WHEREAS, The fact that the alternative was chosen at the ballot box obviated the in-
15 depth analysis of other potential alternative, including the possibility of terminating the
16 freeway at Bryant Street, or at some other location south of Market Street; and

17 WHEREAS, The demolition of the section of the Central Freeway structures between
18 Market and Mission Streets, to make room for the new touchdown ramps, has returned light,
19 air and a sense of community to the surrounding areas, prompting numerous requests for
20 reconsideration of the Caltrans project currently underway to build the new touchdown ramps;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the City and County of San Francisco, and of the
23 health and well-being of its residents, to consider alternatives to the construction of a
24 touchdown ramp at the edge of Market Street, which is a major pedestrian, transit and bicycle
25 corridor; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of completing the
2 Central Freeway project at the earliest possible date, and of retaining the necessary state
3 funding to do so; now therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the Governor to
5 consider postponing further construction work on the Central Freeway touchdown ramps until
6 such time as the City has had an opportunity, in conjunction with the State, to study
7 alternative Central Freeway configurations that may better serve the prevailing traffic patterns
8 in the area, and at the same time further lessen the negative impacts on the surrounding
9 neighborhoods; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Governor to preserve
11 all available project funding so that it may be applied to whatever alternative is agreed upon
12 locally.