

1 [Calling for an interagency task force to investigate and prosecute the existing SFPD Fraud
2 Section backlog of reported fraud crime.]

2

3

**Resolution calling for an interagency task force of local authorities, federal authorities
4 and businesses to investigate and prosecute the existing backlog of fraud crime
5 reported to the SFPD.**

6

7

WHEREAS, the Fraud Section of the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) is
8 charged with investigating cases of fraud including, but not limited to check fraud, theft by
9 access card, theft by deception, forgery, counterfeit merchandise, counterfeit currency, real
10 estate fraud, embezzlement, financial elder abuse; and

11

WHEREAS, SFPD's Fraud Section, prior to 1991, had over twenty investigators and
12 now has eight, leaving the Section without sufficient resources to effectively investigate its
13 annual workload of 5,000-6,000 reported cases; and

14

WHEREAS, the backlog at the Fraud Section is so great that it can take many months
15 or even a year or more for cases to be investigated; and

16

WHEREAS, many fraud crimes involve the use of the Internet, the United States Mail,
17 interstate commerce, checks or other methods that bring the crime under the jurisdiction of
18 the United States Secret Service and/or the United States Postal Inspection Service; and

19

WHEREAS, the Office of the District Attorney already has strong working relationships
20 with federal agencies to prosecute fraud; and

21

WHEREAS, the Fraud Section of SFPD currently has a backlog of cases pending
22 investigation by SFPD; and

23

WHEREAS, public safety, commerce and justice benefit from the speedy investigation
24 and prosecution of the backlog of criminal fraud cases; and

25

1 WHEREAS, an essential function of government is to provide for the safety and to
2 protect the property rights and financial rights of citizens; and

3 RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco calls for an interagency task
4 force to reduce SFPD's backlog of fraud cases; and be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force should include, or consult with, the United
6 States Secret Service, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the San Francisco Office
7 of the District Attorney, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, financial institutions and
8 the San Francisco Police Department; and be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Board shall forward a copy of this
10 resolution to the Chief of Police of the San Francisco Police Department, the District Attorney
11 of San Francisco, the San Francisco Police Commission, the Special Agent in Charge of the
12 San Francisco Office of the United States Secret Service and the Special Agent in Charge of
13 the San Francisco Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police should detail necessary police
15 personnel in order to address this backlog and restore faith with the public that their reported
16 cases are important.