

1 [Vigilante Border Patrol]

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3 **Resolution ~~condemning~~ opposing Governor Schwarzenegger's support of the**
4 **Minuteman Project and urging the State Attorney General as well as the State**
5 **Legislature to take any necessary actions to prevent any form of vigilante patrol at the**
6 **California-Mexico border.**

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8 WHEREAS, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger praises and supports the Minuteman
9 vigilantes staked out at the U.S-Mexico border despite the lack of support from the federal
10 government for such vigilantes; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Governor's invitation to the Minuteman to come to California
12 encourages dangerous activity by emboldening citizens to take the law into their own hands,
13 thereby, inviting harassment, intimidation and violence; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Governor should not advocate behavior that scapegoats immigrants;
15 and,

16 WHEREAS, The Minuteman Project is alleged to have engaged in activities that go
17 beyond First Amendment protected activity and that is intended to intimidate, harass and/or
18 interfere with the rights of others; and,

19 WHEREAS, The encouragement of vigilantes to enforce federal immigration laws
20 invites lawlessness and an increased danger of abuse and violence; and,

21 WHEREAS, Vigilantes create a climate of intimidation and fear among residents of
22 border communities such that residents are afraid to send their children to school, to go
23 shopping and to engage in normal daily activities; and,

24 WHEREAS, The combination of armed civilians and anti-immigrant animus leads to
25 incidents such as where a vigilante threatened seven immigrants at gunpoint in Arizona; and,

1 WHEREAS, The federal border patrol had to call in the County Sheriff's Office when
2 Minuteman vigilantes held a 26 year old Mexican man against his will, physically restrained
3 him and forced him to hold a t-shirt with a mocking slogan while his picture was taken and he
4 was videotaped; and,

5 WHEREAS, Mexicans attempting to cross the border into the U.S. already face many
6 life threatening obstacles including the desert heat, dehydration and exhaustion; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Constitution guarantees that everyone regardless of immigration
8 status is entitled to due process and vigilantes who take the law into their own hands violate
9 this right; and,

10 WHEREAS, Vigilantes pose a danger to citizens and immigrants; and,

11 WHEREAS, The State is mandated to protect its residents from civil rights abuses; now
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ~~condemns~~ opposes in the
14 strongest terms the support given to the Minuteman vigilantes by Governor Schwarzenegger;
15 and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does not support
17 the Governor's invitation of the Minuteman vigilantes to come to California and considers it an
18 illegal organization; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
20 State's legislators to do everything possible to stop vigilantes from patrolling our borders; and,
21 be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors calls on State Attorney General
23 Bill Lockyer to take legal actions against the Minuteman Project should they engage in
24 vigilante action in California; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Arnold
2 Schwarzenegger, Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, U.S. Representative
3 Nancy Pelosi, and Attorney General Bill Lockyer.
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