

1 [911 Digital Technology.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Office of the District Attorney, the San Francisco Police**  
4 **Department, the Department of Telecommunications and Information Systems, the**  
5 **Emergency Communications Department, and the Department on the Status of Women**  
6 **to collaborate in order to consider and make recommendations on the advantages of**  
7 **bringing 911 digital technology to the City and County of San Francisco as another**  
8 **viable medium of combating domestic violence.**

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10 WHEREAS, Domestic Violence is one of the most serious issues faced by the criminal  
11 justice system and each year 3.9 million women are battered, stalked and/or killed by their  
12 domestic partners, representing about one assault every eight seconds; and

13 WHEREAS, An estimated 683,000 women are sexually assaulted each year  
14 representing about one assault every forty-six seconds; and,

15 WHEREAS, In 1990, the City and County of San Francisco became the first in the  
16 nation to look into a systemic response to domestic violence where the resulting investigation  
17 was published in a document titled *San Francisco's Response to Domestic Violence: The*  
18 *Charan Investigation*; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Charan report identified problems within the city's response to  
20 domestic violence, specifically the lack of consistency and coordination between the various  
21 agencies, and focused on five primary areas: 1) development of an oversight body, 2)  
22 communication and coordination between departments and programs, 3) protocols and  
23 policies, 4) resources including personnel and training, and 4) data collection and  
24 management; and,

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1           WHEREAS, Although San Francisco has been successful at creating specialized units  
2 and programs addressing domestic violence, gaps in services and lack of communication  
3 between departments have created serious problems; and,

4           WHEREAS, City departments over rely on the exchange of critical information via  
5 paper whereby increasing the risk of human error; and,

6           WHEREAS, Due to changes in business practices by the San Francisco Police  
7 Department, the San Francisco Sheriff Department and the Office of the District Attorney, a  
8 domestic violence code is not being consistently used; and,

9           WHEREAS, The Office of the District Attorney continues to rely on paper incident  
10 reports to be delivered by the Police Department which perpetuates the delay in beginning  
11 investigations; and,

12           WHEREAS, There continues to be a pressing need for an integrated database system,  
13 one which tracks the disposition of domestic violence offenders in San Francisco, and one  
14 that immediately makes available the 911 audio recordings at arraignment in order to bolster  
15 bail applications, increase the likelihood that domestic violence defendants will be  
16 incarcerated pending trial and affording prosecutors greater leverage in negotiating pleas;  
17 now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
19 supports the efforts of all city agencies that actively participate in making changes to San  
20 Francisco's domestic violence services delivery system; and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges city agencies that  
22 participate in studying and adopting innovative approaches that will combat domestic violence  
23 to include studying advances in technology in order to enhance the City's ability to prosecute  
24 those who commit violent crimes and better protect crime victims; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Office of the  
2 District Attorney, the San Francisco Police Department, the Department of  
3 Telecommunications and Information Systems, the Emergency Communications Department,  
4 and the Department on the Status of Women to collaborate in order to consider and make  
5 recommendations on the advantages of bringing 911 digital technology to the City and County  
6 of San Francisco as another viable medium of combating domestic violence.

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