

[San Francisco Examiner Archives]

1 **URGING FORMER AND CURRENT OWNERS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER AS**
2 **WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE THAT ANY SALE OF THE SAN FRANCISCO**
3 **EXAMINER BE PREDICATED UPON THE PROTECTION OF SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER**
4 **ARCHIVES, WHICH ARE OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THE PEOPLE OF SAN**
5 **FRANCISCO BAY AREA, AGAINST DELETION, EDITING, AND ANY OTHER**
6 **SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES; AND FURTHER DECLARING THAT ANY SALE OF THE SAN**
7 **FRANCISCO EXAMINER REQUIRE THAT EXISTING ARCHIVAL MATERIALS, INCLUDING**
8 **INTERNET SITES "EXAMINER.COM", TO REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO THE GENERAL**
9 **PUBLIC; AND FURTHER DECLARING THAT THE EXISTING ARCHIVAL MATERIALS,**
10 **INCLUDING INTERNET SITES "EXAMINER.COM" REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO**
11 **REPORTERS, WRITERS, PHOTOGRAPHERS, COLUMNISTS AND ASSOCIATED STAFF**
12 **AND WHO SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PUBLISH MATERIALS OF THEIR OWN**
13 **AUTHORSHIP IN PERPETUITY WITHOUT HINDRANCE OR COST .**

14 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution
15 on September 3, 1999 which urged the Justice Department to scrutinize the merger for anti-
16 competitive effects, ensure that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner be premised upon the
17 buyer providing competitive daily city and regional circulation, and convene public hearings in
18 San Francisco on the impact of the merger as well as urging the Hearst Corporation to comply
19 with job rights, classifications, contracts and protections of all Chronicle and Examiner
20 employees as well as to give voice to San Francisco's diverse community; and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution
22 on December 20, 1999 urging the Attorney General of California, based on the precedent
23 established in the State of Hawaii, to investigate the proposed sale of the San Francisco
24 Chronicle to the Hearst Corporation and potential violations of federal anti-trust Laws and
25 violation of the National Newspaper Act and further urging the San Francisco District Attorney
to conduct a similar investigation; and

Supervisor Ammiano

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1 WHEREAS, On January 21, 2000, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors
2 unanimously passed a resolution urging Office of the City Attorney, based upon testimony by
3 the general public and the District Attorney's Office as well as the precedent established in
4 Honolulu, Hawaii, to evaluate the appropriateness of litigation of he proposed sale of the San
5 Francisco Chronicle to the Hearst Corporation and further urging the City Attorney report back
6 to the Board of Supervisors in a timely manner; and

7 WHEREAS, On February 16, 2000 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors also
8 unanimously passed a resolution urging the Justice Department to require a bona fide offer for
9 the purchase of the Examiner be premised upon the buyer providing competitive daily
10 circulation and further urging the Hearst Corporation to comply with job rights, job
11 classifications, contracts, and protections of all Chronicle and Examiner employees; and

12 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution
13 on February 18, 2000 supporting the sale of the San Francisco Examiner to a buyer who is
14 committed to honoring existing labor agreements with its unionized staff; and

15 WHEREAS, A hearing to investigate called for the applicability of the Seattle Joint
16 Operating Agreement mode to the sale of the San Francisco Examiner by the Hearst
17 Corporation was called by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on February 2000; and

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Examiner archival materials contains over a century
19 worth of invaluable and irreplaceable historical documents and writings that are of inestimable
20 value to the citizens of the San Francisco Bay Area in particular and to the American people in
21 general; and

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Examiner archival materials comprises one of the few
23 comprehensive and detailed sources of historical archives and information documenting San
24 Francisco's historical, cultural, political, social, and economic evolution, transformation and
25 development; and

1 WHEREAS, It is the wish of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors that the archival
2 materials remain accessible to people of the San Francisco Bay Area; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
4 hereby urges the former and current owners of the San Francisco Examiner as well as the
5 Department of Justice that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner be predicated upon the
6 protection of San Francisco Examiner archives, which are of inestimable value to the people of
7 San Francisco Bay Area, against deletion, editing, and any other substantive changes; and
8 be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby declares that any sale
10 of the San Francisco Examiner require that existing archival materials, including Internet sites
11 "Examiner.com", to remain accessible to the general public; and be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors further declares that the existing
13 San Francisco archival material, including Internet sites "examiner.com" remain accessible to
14 reporters, writers, photographers, columnists and associated staff and who shall have the right
15 to publish materials of their own authorship in perpetuity without hindrance or cost .
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Resolution

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Date Passed:

Resolution urging former and current owners of the San Francisco Examiner as well as the Department of Justice that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner be predicated upon the protection of San Francisco Examiner archives, which are of inestimable value to the people of San Francisco Bay Area, against deletion, editing, and any other substantive changes; and further declaring that any sale of the San Francisco Examiner require that existing archival materials, including Internet sites "Examiner.com", to remain accessible to the general public; and further declaring that the existing archival materials including internet sites "Examiner.com" remain accessible to reporters, writers, photographers, columnists and associated staff and who shall have the right to publish materials of their own authorship in perpetuity without hindrance or cost.

April 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



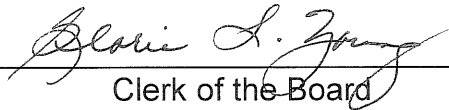
Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: April 21, 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.



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