

1 [Board response to the 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “Accountability in San
2 Francisco Government”]

3 **Resolution responding to the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court on the**
4 **recommendations contained in the 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled**
5 **“Accountability in San Francisco Government”.**

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7 WHEREAS, Under California Penal Code Section 933 et seq., the Board of
8 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
9 Court on the recommendations contained in Civil Grand Jury Reports; and,

10 WHEREAS, In accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), if a finding or
11 recommendation of the Civil Grand Jury addresses budgetary or personnel matters of a
12 county agency or a department headed by an elected officer, the agency or department head
13 and the Board of Supervisors shall respond if requested by the Civil Grand Jury, but the
14 response of the Board of Supervisors shall address only budgetary or personnel matters over
15 which it has some decision making authority; and,

16 WHEREAS, The 2007-2008 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled “Accountability in San
17 Francisco Government” is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
18 080925, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

19 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. A1 of the subject Civil Grand Jury Report states:
20 “The Mayor’s Office and the Board should establish a process to track, read, and analyze
21 reports required to be filed by City Commissions and Departments”; and

22 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. A2 states: “The Board should require the Director of
23 COIT [the Committee on Information Technology] to appear semi-annually to address the
24 status of information technologies throughout City government, particularly updating its
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1 progress on implementing the recommendations made by the Budget Analyst’s Management
2 Audit”; and

3 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. A3 states: “The Board and the Mayor’s Office
4 should standardize the contents of annual reports and other Departmental reports to assure
5 there are objective measures of performance, such as highlights of the three most important
6 concerns addressed in the report with brief status updates and any proposed budget
7 changes”; and

8 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. B4 states: “An independent third-party with
9 municipal finance background, such as the Board’s Budget Analyst, should conduct post-
10 enactment analysis to determine if the Controller’s statement in the Voter Information
11 Pamphlet on the fiscal impact of ballot measures, as well as Controller reports on proposed
12 legislation, were accurate and report the same to the Board”; and

13 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. D8 states: “The Citizen’ General Obligation Bonds
14 Oversight Committee should appear regularly before the Board to report on the bonds it
15 oversees including highlights of successes and challenges”; and

16 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. D9 states: “The Mayor’s Office and the Board
17 should take whatever steps are necessary to authorize the Bond Oversight Committee to
18 evaluate any bond measure before it is placed on the ballot to assure that proper plans,
19 escalation factors, milestones, damages clauses and the like are in place to deliver the project
20 on time and within the budget the voters are being asked to approve”; and

21 WHEREAS, Recommendation No. D10 states: “The Mayor’s Office and the Board
22 should require that any bond measure placed on the ballot provide specific objectives of what
23 is to be constructed and the estimated total budget for all costs of construction so the public
24 has quantifiable measures of successes and challenges”; and

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1 WHEREAS, in accordance with Penal Code Section 933.05(c), the Board of
2 Supervisors must respond, within 90 days of receipt, to the Presiding Judge of the Superior
3 Court on Recommendations Nos. A1, A2, A3, B4, D8, D9 and D10 contained in the subject
4 Civil Grand Jury report; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports to the Presiding Judge of the
6 Superior Court that it agrees with Recommendation Nos. A2, D8, and D10 of the 2007-2008
7 Civil Grand Jury Report entitled "Accountability in San Francisco Government"; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that it disagrees wholly
9 or partially with Recommendation Nos. A1, A3, and D9, as follows:

- 10 - Department reports are being sufficiently tracked and analyzed per
- 11 Recommendations A1 and A3; and
- 12 - The Capitol Planning Committee is addressing bond measures per
- 13 Recommendation D9; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reports that it will continue to
15 take public comment on Recommendation No. B4; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Mayor to cause the
17 implementation of accepted recommendations through his/her department heads and through
18 the development of the annual budget.

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