

1 [Commendation-Starting Points.]

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3 **Resolution commending Starting Points for the completion of its San Francisco**
4 **Citywide Strategic Plan for Supporting Families and its recent formation of a Family**
5 **Support Council.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Starting Points Initiative (“SPI”) was established by the Carnegie
8 Corporation in 1996 as one of fourteen national starting points projects to improve services for
9 young children; and,

10 WHEREAS, SPI is a unique public-private partnership that brings together those
11 working on behalf of young children in San Francisco to create a strong and cohesive policy
12 and advocacy agenda for children and families; and,

13 WHEREAS, SPI is committed to ensuring the health and well-being of San Francisco’s
14 young children and their families by improving the quality, availability and accessibility of early
15 childhood and family support services; and,

16 WHEREAS, SPI engages in a wide array of services to support the local advocacy,
17 government and early childhood provider communities in making informed, collaborative and
18 strategic decisions on behalf of children and their families; and,

19 WHEREAS, Committed to collaboration, the Starting Points Initiative has been actively
20 involved in a range of planning efforts throughout the City and builds upon strong partnerships
21 with local government, children and family service providers, private and public funders,
22 parents and community-based organizations; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Starting Points Initiative received funds in 2002 to develop a citywide
24 Family Support Strategic Plan (FSSP) for San Francisco. SPI developed a citywide plan of

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1 action for family support; secured funding for the planning process; created a cohesive family
2 support group with consensus on definition, mission and vision; and

3 WHEREAS, In June 2002, the SPI convened the Family Support Strategic Planning
4 Committee to be responsible for the oversight and development of the plan. This committee
5 includes 19 members who represent family support stakeholders and decision-makers of the
6 city's social service agencies; and,

7 WHEREAS, SPI conducted a broad outreach campaign to recruit a diverse cross-
8 section of individuals to be involved in the family support strategic planning process; and,

9 WHEREAS, SPI convened working groups, launched in December 2002, for input on
10 the FSSP. Three simultaneous working groups met biweekly from January to May 2003, and
11 were organized by focus area, including service delivery and linkages, capacity building and
12 sustainability and awareness, engagement and policy advocacy; and,

13 WHEREAS, The SPI employed a team of students from the Urban Studies Department
14 at San Francisco State University to work on a citywide budget analysis. The team identified
15 public and private funding streams allocated for children and families, detected emerging
16 trends in funding, and identified potential revenue streams. This information was used to set
17 up guidelines for prioritizing outcomes and strategies proposed in the plan, understand the
18 feasibility of funding strategies proposed, and leverage diverse funding streams to implement
19 the plan; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
21 does hereby commend Starting Points for the completion of its San Francisco Citywide
22 Strategic Plan for Supporting Families and its recent formation of a Family Support Council.

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