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[Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000] ENDORSING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000, A CALIFORNIA VOTER INITIATIVE FOR THE NOVEMBER 2000 BALLOT.

WHEREAS, 25,000 nonviolent drug possession offenders per year are sent to prison by the courts or by the Board of Prison Terms for parole violations in California; and

WHEREAS, California's prisons are currently overcrowded, with plans underway to build even more prisons; and

WHEREAS, The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 will divert those nonviolent offenders who are in possession of illegal drugs to treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, Diversion of nonviolent drug offenders will save counties \$50 million per year in lower jail costs; and

WHEREAS, The State parole system will save an estimated \$20 million annually through the creation of diversion programs, and by avoiding the construction of a new prison the State will save as much as \$575 million; and

WHEREAS, This Act maintains the normal penalties for those who are selling drugs and actually enhances the City and County of San Francisco's crime fighting capacity by allowing police to focus their efforts on violent criminals; and

WHEREAS, the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act requires the State to appropriate funds to drug treatment programs that will include job training, literacy, and other educational services that

will encourage and guide drug offenders to lead productive lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco endorses the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000.



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Resolution

File Number:

000700

Date Passed:

Resolution endorsing the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, a California voter initiative for the November 2000 ballot.

April 24, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom,

Teng, Yaki Absent: 1 - Yee File No. 000700

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 24, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.