

1 [Denouncing DEA Raids]

2 Resolution denouncing the Drug Enforcement Agency's (DEA) recent raid
3 of the Sixth Street Harm Reduction Center in San Francisco and urging
4 the DEA and the federal government to respect and uphold the will of
5 the people of San Francisco that the City be a compassionate haven
6 for the use of medical cannabis to alleviate the suffering of
7 seriously ill patients.

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters and public officials have over the
10 past two decades repeatedly supported efforts to make San Francisco a
11 sanctuary for medical cannabis use; and,

12 WHEREAS, In 1996, the voters of the City and County of San
13 Francisco supported by 78 percent Proposition 215, the Compassionate
14 Use Act of 1996, which exempted patients and defined caregivers who
15 possess or cultivate marijuana for medical treatment recommended by a
16 physician from criminal laws which otherwise prohibit possession or
17 cultivation of marijuana; and,

18 WHEREAS, In 2000, the Board of Supervisors of the City and
19 County of San Francisco created a widely successful medical cannabis
20 identification card program for individuals who qualify under the
21 Compassionate Use Act of 1996 as users of medical cannabis or as
22 primary caregivers to medical cannabis users; and,

23 WHEREAS, This ID card program is a central and critical part of
24 the local health care delivery system designed by the City to address
25 the needs of patients seriously ill with ailments such as cancer,

1 anorexia, AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity, glaucoma, arthritis,
2 migraine, or other medical conditions for which cannabis provides
3 relief; and,

4 WHEREAS, This legislative and policy history was recounted in a
5 resolution recently passed in 2001 by the Board of Supervisors
6 declaring the City and County of San Francisco a sanctuary for
7 medical cannabis use, cultivation and distribution; and,

8 WHEREAS, The resolution was prompted in part by recent Drug
9 Enforcement Agency raids of medical cannabis dispensaries in Southern
10 California and was intended to discourage and voice opposition to
11 similar raids in San Francisco; and,

12 WHEREAS, Despite these definitive and clear policy statements
13 and programs, the Drug Enforcement Agency on the morning of Tuesday,
14 February 12, 2002 raided the Sixth Street Harm Reduction Center and
15 arrested several individuals involved in the delivery of medical
16 cannabis to patients and their caregivers; and,

17 WHEREAS, This raid is a direct assault on the health care
18 delivery system of the City and County of San Francisco which should
19 be respected as a legitimate and compassionate way in which a local
20 jurisdiction takes an active role in meeting the medical needs of its
21 residents; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of
23 Supervisors hereby denounces the Drug Enforcement Agency's recent
24 raid of the Sixth Street Harm Reduction Center in San Francisco; and
25 be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the DEA and the federal
2 government to respect and uphold the will of the people of San
3 Francisco that the City be a compassionate haven for the use of
4 medical cannabis to alleviate the suffering of seriously ill
5 patients; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the federal government to
7 refrain from harassing, arresting or prosecuting physicians, medical
8 cannabis dispensaries, individual patients, or their primary
9 caregivers attempting to comply with section 11362.5 of the
10 California Health and Safety Code.



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February 25, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 25, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

[Handwritten signature of Gloria L. Young]

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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[Handwritten signature of Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.]

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Date Approved