

1 [Urging the Mayor and City Departments to Prioritize Youth Employment During Business
2 Negotiations]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor and City Departments to include Youth Involvement Plans**
4 **when negotiating with new businesses coming to San Francisco, in order to increase**
5 **the number of employment opportunities for San Francisco’s young people.**

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7 WHEREAS, One third of all San Francisco youth (16-24) are officially unemployed, and
8 actively searching for a job; and

9 WHEREAS, Youth in San Francisco consistently choose employment as their highest
10 priority need; and

11 WHEREAS, In the summer of 2011, over 2,000 San Francisco youth applied for only
12 435 youth employment slots in the Mayor’s Youth Employment and Education Program
13 (MYEEP), a youth workforce program, which has provided 14 and 15 year old youth with their
14 first jobs since 1989; and

15 WHEREAS, Over 700 youth applied for just 200 openings to San Francisco
16 YouthWorks (SFYW), a youth workforce program, which prepares 16 and 17 year old youth
17 for careers in the public sector by providing them with internships through City government;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), a work experience
20 program providing youth ages 16-21 with summer internships, also received more than twice
21 the amount of applications than program spots in the past year; and

22 WHEREAS, These San Francisco subsidized employment programs have limited
23 capacity due to budget constraints during this challenging economic climate; and

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1 WHEREAS, Despite the recent financial downturn, San Francisco’s economic
2 landscape - in particular, our incubation, attraction and retention of technology companies -
3 potentially offers unique employment opportunities to young people; and

4 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a commitment to retaining vital new companies, as
5 demonstrated in the Central Market/Tenderloin Payroll Tax Exclusion (CMTPTTE); and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Lee’s jobs plan “Roadmap to Good Jobs and Opportunity”
7 emphasizes the importance of apprenticeships, jobs, and internships for San Francisco youth
8 in these new technology companies; and

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco also has a commitment to consider opportunities for young
10 people, as evidenced in the Youth Involvement Plan required by the 34th America’s Cup Host
11 City Agreement, which calls on the City and County of San Francisco, the America’s Cup
12 Event Authority and the America’s Cup Organizing Committee to develop a “comprehensive
13 strategy for achieving” youth involvement in the America’s Cup; and

14 WHEREAS, The limits of government subsidized employment and the clear need for
15 youth employment for the success of society have been recognized by President Obama
16 through his Summer Jobs+ Plan; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 31, 2012, at the urging of the Youth Commission, the Board of
18 Supervisors adopted a resolution supporting the design of President Obama’s Summer Jobs+
19 plan and committing to work towards developing and implementing a local version of the plan;
20 now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 encourages the Mayor and City departments, including the Office of Economic and Workforce
23 Development, to include Youth Involvement Plans - which would, at minimum, increase the
24 number of work experiences for San Francisco’s youth either through the provision of unpaid
25 internships and apprenticeships or by an in lieu contribution of funds to San Francisco’s youth

1 employment programs, and which would be coordinated and developed through the City's
2 Department of Children, Youth and Their Families and the San Francisco Unified School
3 District's Career Technical Education department - in all future business and event
4 negotiations.

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