

1 [Bail Schedule]

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3 **Resolution urging the presiding judge of the Municipal Court to convene the Judge’s**  
4 **Bail Committee in conjunction with the Superior Court and in consultation with the San**  
5 **Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Sheriff’s Department to assess the**  
6 **bail schedule in order to determine what adjustments are needed to bring San**  
7 **Francisco in line with other Bay Area counties.**

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9 WHEREAS, The bail schedule is set by the judiciary and is used as a guideline for  
10 judges when a defendant first appears in court; and

11 WHEREAS, The bail schedule has not been adjusted since October of 1998 when  
12 Supervisor Jose Medina asked that a review be conducted; and,

13 WHEREAS, The bail schedule, when adjusted in 1998, was still lower than that of San  
14 Mateo County, Alameda County and Contra Costa County; and,

15 WHEREAS, Based on San Francisco’s lower bail schedules, most suspected drug  
16 crime defendants find it easier to get out of jail while awaiting a trial in the City than in any of  
17 the surrounding Bay Area counties; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors does  
19 hereby urge the presiding judge of the Municipal Court to convene the Judge’s Bail  
20 Committee in conjunction with the Superior Court to assess the bail schedule in order to  
21 determine what adjustments are needed to bring San Francisco in line with other Bay Area  
22 counties; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Police and Sheriff’s Departments are  
24 consulted regarding jail population and overcrowding during this assessment process.

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