

1 [Supporting an Investigation into the Disappearance of 43 Mexican Students]

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3 **Resolution supporting a full investigation into the disappearance of 43 students from**  
4 **Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico.**

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6 WHEREAS, On September 26, 2014, in the Mexican City Iguala, Guerrero, 43 students  
7 from the Ayotzinapa Rural University (Escuela Normal) were taken by force and are still  
8 missing; and

9 WHEREAS, The students were mostly children from poor, rural families who were  
10 training to become teachers to serve the rural and indigenous poor; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mexican authorities failed to promptly and diligently take action and  
12 did not start to search for the missing students and adequately protect the survivors and the  
13 families without delay; and

14 WHEREAS, The recent events in Guerrero expose serious issues of impunity, collusion  
15 between police officers and organized crime gangs and excessive use of force and therefore  
16 must be addressed for remedial action; and

17 WHEREAS, This incident reverberates with the experience of many San Francisco  
18 residents whose families have suffered similar violence in Latin America, including the 60,000  
19 Mexican Americans residing in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
21 formally expresses their support for the bereaved relatives and students, and respectfully  
22 request an independent international inquiry into the events that happened in Iguala, including  
23 a full investigation into the disappearances, and exhaustive establishment of all  
24 responsibilities and the prosecution and effective condemnation of the responsible at all  
25 levels, in line with international standards of justice; and, be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby directs  
2 the Clerk of the Board to send a copy of this Resolution to Mr. Andrés Roemer, the Consul  
3 General of Mexico in San Francisco, the President of the United States, the Speaker of the  
4 United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the  
5 Honorable Members of the United States Congress representing the City and County of San  
6 Francisco and surrounding regions.

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