

1 [Supporting the California Legislature’s Conclusion that the Prevailing Wage Law Addresses
2 Statewide Concerns.]

3 **Resolution supporting the California Legislature’s conclusion that the prevailing wage**
4 **law addresses statewide concerns.**

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6 WHEREAS, California adopted a prevailing wage law in 1931 to require contractors
7 and subcontractors on public projects to pay construction workers wages at least equal to the
8 wages prevailing in local labor markets; and,

9 WHEREAS, The prevailing wage law was later amended to require contractors and
10 subcontractors on public projects to hire apprentices registered in state-approved
11 apprenticeship programs, thereby providing training opportunities for the next generation of
12 skilled workers; and,

13 WHEREAS, The prevailing wage law serves important public purposes, including
14 protecting workers from exploitation, allowing union contractors and non-union contractors to
15 bid for public work on a level playing field, protecting the wage base in local labor markets,
16 providing opportunities for training skilled workers, attracting the most skilled workers to public
17 projects, and avoiding the strain on public resources that occurs when workers are not
18 provided health and pension benefits; and,

19 WHEREAS, The California Legislature has declared that the prevailing wage law is “a
20 matter of statewide concern”. (Stats 2002, chapter 892, section 1; Stats 2002, chapter 868,
21 section 1); and,

22 WHEREAS, The California Court of Appeal recently ruled in *Department of Industrial*
23 *Relations, et al. v. City of Long Beach*, 2d Civil No. B159333, that the prevailing wage law
24 addresses statewide concerns, and therefore applies to construction projects subsidized by
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1 chartered cities, just as it does to projects subsidized by State and local public agencies and
2 political subdivisions;

3 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco supports the goals of the State prevailing wage
4 law; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
6 supports the California Legislature's conclusion that the prevailing wage law addresses
7 statewide concerns.

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