

1 [Community Reinvestment Act]  
2 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF THE  
3 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT BY REJECTING SENATE-PASSED PROVISIONS TO  
4 WEAKEN THE ACT.

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6 WHEREAS, The Community Reinvestment Act was enacted in 1977 to encourage  
7 banks to help meet the credit needs of the communities in which they are located; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Community Reinvestment Act encourages banks to invest in low  
9 income housing tax credit developments, make loans on multi-family housing developments,  
10 offer small business lending, and support community development programs; and,

11 WHEREAS, Banks that fail to do so can be denied permission by federal regulators to  
12 buy other banks, engage in interstate banking, and open or close branches; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Community Reinvestment Act has encouraged the investment of  
14 approximately \$1 trillion in low and moderate income neighborhoods since it was enacted in  
15 1977; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Community Reinvestment Act benefits banks by improving the  
17 economic health of surrounding communities; and,

18 WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering S.900, the Financial Services  
19 Modernization Act of 1999; and,

20 WHEREAS, Senator Phil Gramm has introduced amendments to the Financial  
21 Services Modernization Act that would weaken the Community Reinvestment Act; and,

22 WHEREAS, Senator Gramm's legislation would exempt banks with assets of less than  
23 \$100 million, or 65 percent of all banks, from their obligations under the Community  
24 Reinvestment Act; and,

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SUPERVISORS, LENO, *yaki, Katz*, BECERRIL, BIERMAN, NEWSOM  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1           WHEREAS, Senator Gramm's legislation would not require banks to achieve a  
2 "satisfactory" CRA rating as a condition to entering the insurance and securities businesses;  
3 and,

4           WHEREAS, Undermining the Community Reinvestment Act will deprive our most  
5 deserving communities from needed capital; now, therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 urges the United States Congress to protect the integrity of the Community Reinvestment Act  
8 by rejecting Senate-passed provisions to weaken the Act; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the  
10 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the delegation from California in Congress.

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# City and County of San Francisco

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### Resolution

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**File Number:** 991508

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the United States Congress to protect the integrity of the Community Reinvestment Act by rejecting Senate-passed provisions to weaken the Act.

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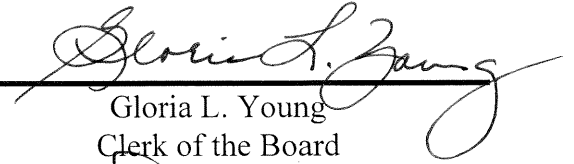
August 9, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 1 - Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on August 9, 1999 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.



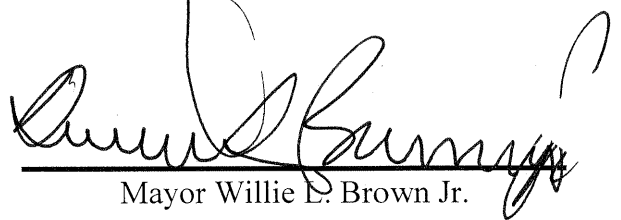
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

AUG 20 1999

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.