

1 [Supporting Proposition 81]

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3 **Resolution supporting Proposition 81, the California Reading and Literacy**
4 **Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006.**

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6 WHEREAS, The California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Construction
7 and Renovation Bond Act of 2006, known as Proposition 81, is on the June 6, 2006 ballot;
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, Approval of Proposition 81 will allow the State of California to secure \$600
10 million in bond funding to assist local governments in the construction and renovation of public
11 libraries; and,

12 WHEREAS, This state bond funds will be used to renovate and build community
13 libraries, allowing local funding to expand literacy programs, book collections, reading
14 programs, improve services to seniors and those with disabilities, and serve as safe place to
15 go after school to continue ones learning; and,

16 WHEREAS, Proposition 81 will combine a 65 percent state monies and match with 35
17 percent locally generated funds, resulting in nearly \$900 million being spent in local
18 communities; and,

19 WHEREAS, Eligible programs in San Francisco that were not funded in previous
20 California Library Construction Bond (Proposition 14) include Visitation Valley, and Ortega
21 and they will be given first priority if Proposition 81 is passed; and,

22 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library is currently in the middle of its largest
23 building campaign due to a November 2000 bond measure, allocating \$105.9 million for 19
24 branch renovations, four leased facilities to be replaced with city owned buildings and
25 construction of one new branch in Mission Bay; and,

1 WHEREAS, The price of construction could rise and without additional funding these
2 projects will be scaled back; and,

3 WHEREAS, Proposition 81 strengthens the partnership between libraries and schools;
4 and,

5 WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition 81 will provide an increase in funding from the
6 state, improving the San Francisco Public Library in more ways than one; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
8 supports Proposition 81, the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library
9 Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2006
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