

1 [Commending Deputy City Attorney Sarah Ellen Owsowitz.]

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3 **Resolution commending Sarah Ellen Owsowitz for six years of exemplary public**  
4 **service to San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney and wishing her well in her future**  
5 **endeavors.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco wishes  
8 to honor Sarah Ellen Owsowitz, who has given six years of dedicated and exemplary public  
9 service to San Francisco as a Deputy City Attorney, and who is now leaving the City  
10 Attorney's Office to continue her practice in land use law at the law firm of Morrison &  
11 Foerster; and,

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz has been one of the City's best and most effective lawyers,  
13 both as an adviser to City departments ranging from this Board to the Municipal Railway, the  
14 Planning Department, and the Department of Building Inspection, and as a litigator, defending  
15 the City in both trial and appellate courts; and,

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz has been one of the City's foremost experts on historic  
17 resources, the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the Mills Act, the Permit  
18 Streamlining Act, first amendment land use issues, outdoor advertising law, land use controls  
19 for alcohol uses, and medical marijuana and intellectual property issues; and,

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz has helped protect the unique character of San Francisco  
21 through her work as drafter of the City's proposed medical cannabis dispensary ordinances,  
22 and the formula retail ordinance; and,

23 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz also has been tireless in her protection and defense of the  
24 City's historic resources and historic preservation laws, including her role as counsel to the  
25 City's Landmark Preservation Advisory Board, her efforts in preserving the Old Mint and 690

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1 Market Street, and her participation in litigation involving the new de Young Museum and the  
2 Willis Polk-designed Atkinson House; and,

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz has helped protect the City's skyline from blight through her  
4 work as drafter of the City's banner ordinance and through litigation against billboard  
5 companies seeking to maintain billboards within the City without active permits; and,

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz, in her early years with the City Attorney's Office, advanced  
7 the City's Third Street Light Rail Project, and worked to preserve the City's intellectual  
8 property rights by trademarking MUNI symbols and developing licensing programs for their  
9 use; and,

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Owsowitz's many clients and colleagues in the City Attorney's Office  
11 and this Board of Supervisors have valued her for her professionalism, diligence, enthusiasm,  
12 wit, and friendship; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
14 hereby commends Sarah Ellen Owsowitz for her six years of exemplary service for the City  
15 and County; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors wishes her well in her future  
17 endeavors.



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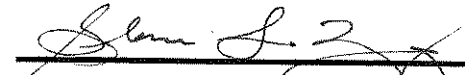
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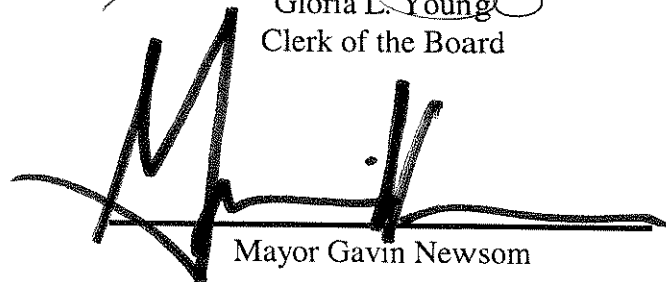
Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 8, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Gavin Newsom

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Date Approved