

1 [Recognizing Supervisor Joel Engardio]

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3 **Resolution thanking and celebrating Joel Engardio for his contributions and**
4 **distinguished public service as District 4 Supervisor for the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Supervisor Joel Engardio has proudly served the residents of District 4
8 and the City and County of San Francisco as a Member of the San Francisco Board of
9 Supervisors; and

10 WHEREAS, Prior to his career in public service, Supervisor Engardio worked for over
11 20 years as a journalist to advocate for people who don't feel heard; and

12 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio made history in 2022 when he became the first
13 openly gay supervisor elected on San Francisco's westside; and

14 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio was committed to a future that allows seniors, young
15 adults, and middle-income families to remain rooted in San Francisco, while welcoming
16 newcomers who bring talent, new ideas, and diversity to the City; and

17 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio championed new housing as an equity and
18 environmental issue; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio passed legislation to allow homeowners to build and
20 sell in-law units, giving long-time homeowners the opportunity age-in-place, downsize their
21 home, and create family wealth; and

22 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio was committed to advancing policies that supported
23 sensible housing solutions and passed legislation to allow for taller apartment buildings with
24 ground floor amenities, like a neighborhood-serving grocery, child care center, or café, so
25 extended families can stay in San Francisco; and

1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio believed all San Franciscans should be invested in
2 local public schools because the city's future depends on keeping families here; and

3 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio worked with parent advocates and sponsored Prop
4 G, which was approved by over 80% of San Francisco voters, which urged the San Francisco
5 Unified School District to offer Algebra 1 to students by the eighth grade; and

6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio was committed to ensuring San Francisco's small
7 businesses had the opportunity to launch and thrive; he supported and passed legislation that
8 waived fees for new businesses, streamlined permitting for awnings, and make outdoor dining
9 a permanent program in San Francisco's post-pandemic economic rebound; and

10 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio helped secure a million-dollar economic lifeline to
11 local merchants during the construction of L-Taraval train construction and streetscape
12 project; and

13 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio spearheaded the launch of the Sunset Night Market
14 with community partners, attracting tens of thousands of residents and visitors to support
15 District 4's local businesses; and

16 WHEREAS, The resounding success of the Sunset Night Market inspired the launch of
17 night markets throughout San Francisco, allowing all neighborhoods to celebrate their
18 communities; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio championed public safety policies and believed in the
20 importance to humanize San Francisco's uniformed police officers by sharing their personal
21 stories through his monthly newsletter; and

22 WHEREAS, Every year, Supervisor Engardio sat down and met with every officer at
23 Taraval police station and visited the Sunset's firehouses to hear first responders top
24 concerns, issues, and needs; and

1 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio aspired to help all Sunset residents access public
2 safety resources through the creation of a civilian public safety liaison fluent in English,
3 Cantonese, and Mandarin; and

4 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio successfully led efforts to bring community
5 ambassadors and retired police officers to the Sunset's commercial corridors; and

6 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio was devoted to improving the Sunset Boulevard
7 greenway, securing millions to hire additional gardeners and invest in new irrigation
8 infrastructure; and

9 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio leveraged his journalism background in elected office
10 to produce a monthly newsletter with narrative-driven content for over 35,000 recipients,
11 highlighting the District's unique personal stories, community events, and accomplishments;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio believed in the importance of highlighting how San
14 Francisco's city government was responsive to regular citizenry through the creation of his
15 monthly "Fix It" file; and

16 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio was dedicated to informing and engaging San
17 Franciscans to be active participants in shaping the City's future through his running "SF
18 Politics 101" series; and

19 WHEREAS, Supervisor Engardio was committed to thoughtful collaboration and
20 engagement with all of his colleagues, especially on issues that divided the Board of
21 Supervisors and the public, including the Gaza ceasefire Resolution, defense of San
22 Francisco's sanctuary city policy, the release of the Banko Brown video, and support for
23 hardworking partners and people in Labor; now, therefore, be it
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1 RESOLVED, That Supervisor Engardio believed in a San Francisco that embraces
2 equal parts innovation and pragmatism; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors lauds Supervisor Joel Engardio
4 as the Supervisor who always led with joy; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes Supervisor
6 Engardio for his unwavering commitment to the vision of creating the best San Francisco;
7 and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this Resolution be tendered
9 to Supervisor Joel Engardio to express to him their appreciation for his distinguished public
10 service representing the constituents of San Francisco's District 4; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors thanks and celebrates Joel
12 Engardio for his contributions and distinguished public service as District 4 Supervisor for the
13 City and County of San Francisco.