

1 [Censure of Supervisor for Violations of Board Rules.]

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3 **Motion censuring Supervisor Daly for violations of Board Rules.**

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5 WHEREAS, A citizen’s right to petition his or her government is inviolate and  
6 guaranteed under the United States Constitution, California Constitution, state law and local  
7 law; and

8 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors are the elected representatives of the citizens  
9 of San Francisco and as such act as stewards of the public trust and recipients of public  
10 comment and petitions; and

11 WHEREAS, It is imperative that citizens feel they can safely and without intimidation  
12 give public testimony before the Board of Supervisors; and

13 WHEREAS, On Monday, November 8, 2004, during a Land Use Committee meeting  
14 held in chambers, Supervisor Daly left his seat in the well, entered the public seating area and  
15 argued with citizens who were in attendance in order to give public testimony and told the  
16 citizens gathered to “go f\_\_\_ off”; and

17 WHEREAS, This conduct specifically violates Board Rule 6.8 which prohibits  
18 disorderly conduct which results in a breach of the peace, boisterous conduct or violent  
19 disturbance, tending to interrupt the due and orderly course of a meeting; and

20 WHEREAS, After subsequent confrontations with the audience, Supervisor Daly twice  
21 left the meeting; and

22 WHEREAS, This conduct specifically violates Board Rule 4.4 which prohibits a  
23 Supervisor from leaving a meeting while in session if the departure will cause a loss of  
24 quorum; and

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1           WHEREAS, Verbally abusing members of the public who have come to petition their  
2 government is an abuse of office and authority by a member of the Board of Supervisors and  
3 reflects poorly on the City and County of San Francisco.

4           THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
5 officially censures Supervisor Daly for his angry confrontation and intimidation directed at  
6 members of the public; and

7           FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board reaffirms its expectations that all  
8 members of the Board of Supervisors will treat each other, members of the public and staff  
9 courteously and respectfully at all times.

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