

1 [Community Courts]

2 MOTIONING THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE ANALYST TO REPORT ON THE
3 COMMUNITY COURT SYSTEM, ITS FEASIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTING IN SAN
4 FRANCISCO, AND BENCHMARKS OF EXISTING COURTS IN SAN FRANCISCO AND
5 SIMILARLY SIZED CITIES.

6 WHEREAS, The City and County suffers from quality of life offenses, such as drug use and
7 prostitution, which plague its neighborhoods; and,

8 WHEREAS, A system of Community Courts has been successful in at least twelve communities
9 nationwide in promoting accountability for quality of life offenses; and,

10 WHEREAS, These courts establish pre-trial diversion similar to what will be required by
11 Proposition 36; and,

12 WHEREAS, Presently, San Francisco distributes its present caseload of misdemeanors and
13 felonies between San Francisco's 19 existing courts; and,

14 WHEREAS, In preparation for any change to the judicial system, including adding courtrooms,
15 it would be helpful to look at the existing system, potential changes and how those changes could be
16 implemented in San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby motion the Office of the
18 Legislative Analyst to report on the Community Court System, its feasibility for implementing in San
19 Francisco, and benchmarks of existing courts in San Francisco and similarly sized cities.

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