

1 [Commendation for Laura Ware]

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3 **Resolution commending Laura Ware commend Laura Ware for fourteen years of**
4 **leadership, commitment, and dedicated service to improving the lives of homeless**
5 **people in San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Laura Ware has spent 17 years working for and with homeless people in
8 San Francisco; and,

9 WHEREAS, Laura Ware co-authored the Coalition of Homelessness (COH) transitional
10 housing study entitled "The Next Step," which led directly to the creation of the Cambridge
11 Hotel Program and the Community Housing Partnership (CHP); and,

12 WHEREAS, Laura Ware is currently the CHP Director of Employment and Training,
13 which provides permanent housing with optional support services to over 300 formerly
14 homeless families and individuals; and,

15 WHEREAS, In large part because of Ware's efforts, over 55% of CHP's staff are
16 formerly homeless people, thus validating the belief that poor and homeless people, with the
17 proper training and support system, can serve their community with great effectiveness; and,

18 WHEREAS, Laura Ware was also the primary architect of the community input process
19 for both the Continuum of Care plans and the HUD McKinney grants for the City;

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Ware worked with the COH and the City to pass San Francisco's local
21 low-income hiring plan on all government contracts; and,

22 WHEREAS, Laura Ware has been a resource to organizations throughout the country
23 who have endeavored to duplicate CHP's strong community commitment in its housing and
24 economic development activities;

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1 WHEREAS, Ms. Ware has also served as a member of the COH's Board guiding the
2 development of the organization's structure to ensure that the involvement of homeless
3 people and front-line staff is at the core of all their work; and,

4 WHEREAS, Serving as the Board President for the Central City Hospitality House, Ms.
5 Ware guided the organization through a tough reorganization of their board and instituted the
6 current system of strong community connections and accountability;
7 now therefore, be it,

8 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commend Laura Ware for
9 fourteen years of leadership, commitment, and dedicated service to improving the lives of
10 homeless people in San Francisco.

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