

1 [Supporting the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act (S. 3191 Warren) (H.R. 6085 Garcia)]

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3 **Resolution supporting the passage of the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act, S.3191 authored**
4 **by United States (U.S.) Senator Elizabeth Warren and H.R. 6085 authored by U.S.**
5 **Representative Robert Garcia, to root out pay-to-play by imposing donation restrictions**
6 **to projects involving public property; and calling on local donors to return their**
7 **donations.**

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9 WHEREAS, In response to reports that the wealthy individuals, corporations, and
10 organizations with business interests before the federal administration have lined up to fund
11 the President’s new \$300 million White House ballroom, United States (U.S.) Senator
12 Elizabeth Warren and Representative Robert Garcia introduced the “Stop Ballroom Bribery
13 Act” S.3191 and H.R.6085; and

14 WHEREAS, The Stop Ballroom Bribery Act, proposes to root out one category of these
15 pay-to-play opportunities by restricting donation sources for the construction, improvement,
16 alternation, or enjoyment of public property primarily used by the President or Vice President,
17 including the construction of monuments and structures honoring living Presidents and Vice
18 Presidents; and

19 WHEREAS, The Stop Ballroom Bribery Act proposes to do this by banning donations
20 from entities and individuals with conflicts of interest; banning certain staff from soliciting
21 donations, including the President, Vice President and their families; requiring Congressional
22 oversight and approval of donations from foreign entities; restricting use of funds and leftover
23 funds; requiring transparency, disclosures, and quarterly public reports on donations and
24 covered projects; and enable judicial review of administrative decisions and enforcement of
25 civil penalties and remedies for violations; and

1 WHEREAS, Good government and ethics experts have raised concern that current
2 practices by the administration have created apparent pay-to-play relationships, especially
3 since the administration has not been fully transparent about the source of donations and has
4 allowed anonymous donations, all of which contribute to the erosion of the public's trust in
5 government; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
7 supports the passage of the Stop Ballroom Bribery Act, authored by U.S. Senator Elizabeth
8 Warren and U.S. Representative Robert Garcia, to root out pay-to-play by imposing donation
9 restrictions to projects involving public property; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
11 Francisco calls on any local donors to rescind their donations for ballroom construction and
12 any other public projects and events that are for the President and Vice President's personal
13 use or aggrandizement; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
15 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of this Resolution to the San
16 Francisco congressional delegation.

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