

1 [Urging the Governor to Protect Proposition 10 Funding]

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3 **Resolution urging the Governor of California to protect Proposition 10 County funding**
4 **by not sweeping \$1,000,000,000 in Proposition 10 funds from local First 5**
5 **Commissions reserves, and urging a permanent diversion of 50% of all future**
6 **Proposition 10 revenues.**

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9 WHEREAS, First 5 exists because voters passed Prop 10, and twice rebuffed efforts
10 to overturn it because it pays to invest in young children and families; and

11 WHEREAS, Protecting Prop 10 funding would ensure that 18,000 children and families
12 in San Francisco, and 2,090,453 in California can continue to access early childhood
13 education programs, health screening and insurance, and family support services that
14 prepare them to enter Kindergarten; and

15 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco invested more than \$9 million dollars annually to
16 fund more that 200 workforce positions throughout the county; and

17 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco funding allowed 4,300 children to be screened for
18 developmental delays and receive follow up services; and

19 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco funding in partnership with Department of Children,
20 Youth & Their Families, and the Human Services Agency provided family resource center
21 services to over 2000 children and 8,000 parents and caregivers; and

22 WHEREAS, First 5 funding provided health insurance premiums for 572 birth to five
23 year olds; and

24 WHEREAS, First 5 funding ensured that 4,300 children received vision, hearing and
25 dental screening and 78% of those children were linked to health care services; and

1 WHEREAS, First 5 funding gave 6,889 children access to infant toddler care and high
2 quality preschool that supports early literacy and school readiness; and

3 WHEREAS, The Governor’s proposal to use Prop 10 Reserves relies on an old myth that
4 claims the county commissions have more than \$2 million in reserves. According to an
5 independent audit there is far less funding available and that approximately \$354 million is
6 not yet obligated or allocated; and

7 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco has been fiscally responsible with a long range
8 sustainability plan that uses its reserves to ensure funding that supports young children and
9 their families for the next 8 years; and

10 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco understands that everyone must contribute to help
11 solve the state budget crisis and the First 5 Commissions are willing to do so, but the
12 Governor’s proposal will cause irreparable damage with little funding left to address the needs
13 of children and families who will once again fall through the gaps in the safety net provided by
14 Prop 10 funding: now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does not support the
16 Governor’s budget to sweep First 5 County reserves and reduce annual allocations by 50%;
17 and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors will work with First 5
19 San Francisco Commissioners and Staff to insure programs and services for our youngest
20 San Franciscans are protected and preserved.

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