

1 [Urging boards and commissions to adopt policies regarding members' attendance at  
2 meetings.]

3 **Resolution urging each City board, commission, or advisory body to adopt an internal**  
4 **policy regarding members' attendance at meetings of the body, and requesting each**  
5 **body to submit a copy of its policy to the Board of Supervisors by December 1, 2006.**

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7 WHEREAS, City boards, commissions, and advisory bodies are created as multi-  
8 member bodies to make use of the talents, efforts, and perspectives of all of their members;  
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10 WHEREAS, The appointing authorities for such bodies strive in selecting members to  
11 promote both diversity and balance, in order to enhance both the breadth of community  
12 representation and the quality of decision-making in the conduct of the City's business; and,

13 WHEREAS, Excessive absenteeism by individual members of such bodies detracts  
14 from the achievement of those goals and potentially skews the decision-making process,  
15 deprives different communities of effective representation, and places an unfair burden on  
16 those members who are conscientious about attending meetings; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges that every appointive board,  
18 commission, or advisory body of any kind established by the Charter or by legislative act of  
19 the Board of Supervisors adopt an internal policy regarding members' attendance at meetings  
20 of the body; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges that such policy address how and when  
22 members are to be excused from attending particular meetings, and when the body is to  
23 report a member's excessive absenteeism to the appointing authority; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that every appointive board,  
25 commission, or advisory body of any kind established by the Charter or by legislative act of

1 the Board of Supervisors submit a copy of its internal policy regarding members' attendance  
2 to the Board no later than December 1, 2006.

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