

1 [Urging the House-Senate conference committee to prevent E-Verify requirements from being
2 included in the final version of the federal economic stimulus bill.]

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4 **Resolution urging the House-Senate conference committee to prevent the E-Verify**
5 **program, a faulty work-authorization verification system, from being included in the**
6 **final version of the federal economic stimulus bill.**

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8 WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Recovery and
9 Reinvestment Act of 2009 on January 28, 2009, and the U.S. Senate approved the Senate
10 version of the bill on February 10, 2009; and

11 WHEREAS, a House-Senate conference committee will reconcile differences between
12 the economic stimulus bills passed in both houses of Congress; and,

13 WHEREAS, the House bill includes a measure that would require local governments
14 and businesses that receive stimulus funds to use E-Verify, a pilot online verification system
15 that allows employers to check the legal status of their workers; and,

16 WHEREAS, the U.S. Government Accountability Office and other independent
17 organizations have found that the E-Verify program is unable to accurately identify U.S citizen
18 and documented immigrants eligible to work in the United States

19 WHEREAS, the President of the National Council of Social Security Management
20 estimates that using the E-Verify program could result in incorrect feedback in approximately
21 17.8 million cases; and

22 WHEREAS, the unreliability of the E-Verify program has led to American citizens and
23 legal permanent residents being unjustly denied employment; and

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1 WHEREAS, unemployment in San Francisco and across the country has hit new
2 highs, and unjust denial of employment can lead to catastrophic results – loss of housing,
3 health care and sustenance for one’s family; and

4 WHEREAS, the Congressional Budget Office estimates that implementing the E-Verify
5 program will cost taxpayers more than \$40 billion over 10 years; and

6 WHEREAS, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other organizations have filed a
7 lawsuit challenging the legality of requiring federal contractors and sub-contractors to use E-
8 Verify; and

9 WHEREAS, transgender communities have raised concerns that the E-Verify program
10 may lead to discrimination against transgender, gender variant and queer workers through
11 unnecessary background checks; and

12 WHEREAS, the program fails to include a way to monitor and prevent unscrupulous
13 employers from misusing the system; and

14 WHEREAS, the E-verify program would create substantial new burdens for
15 businesses, especially small businesses, at precisely one of the most difficult economic
16 times; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the House-Senate
18 conference committee to sever E-Verify requirements from the final version of the federal
19 economic stimulus bill.

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