

1 [Resolution urging Cardinal Levada to withdraw his directive to Catholic Charities forbidding
2 the placement of children in need of adoption with same-sex couples]

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4 **Resolution urging Cardinal William Levada, in his capacity as head of the Congregation**
5 **for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, to withdraw his discriminatory and**
6 **defamatory directive that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco stop**
7 **placing children in need of adoption with homosexual households.**

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9 WHEREAS, It is an insult to all San Franciscans when a foreign country, like the
10 Vatican, meddles with and attempts to negatively influence this great City's existing and
11 established customs and traditions such as the right of same-sex couples to adopt and care
12 for children in need; and

13 WHEREAS, The statements of Cardinal Levada and the Vatican that "Catholic
14 agencies should not place children for adoption in homosexual households," and "Allowing
15 children to be adopted by persons living in such unions would actually mean doing violence to
16 these children" are absolutely unacceptable to the citizenry of San Francisco ; and,

17 WHEREAS, Such hateful and discriminatory rhetoric is both insulting and callous, and
18 shows a level of insensitivity and ignorance which has seldom been encountered by this
19 Board of Supervisors; and

20 WHEREAS, Same-sex couples are just as qualified to be parents as are heterosexual
21 couples; and

22 WHEREAS, Cardinal Levada is a decidedly unqualified representative of his former
23 home city, and of the people of San Francisco and the values they hold dear; and

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RESOLUTION NO.

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors urges Archbishop Niederauer and the Catholic
2 Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to defy all discriminatory directives of Cardinal
3 Levada; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Cardinal William Levada, in his
5 capacity as head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican (formerly
6 known as Holy Office of the Inquisition), to withdraw his discriminatory and defamatory
7 directive that Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of San Francisco stop placing children in
8 need of adoption with homosexual households.
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