

**3/4/04: Amendment of the Whole Bearing New Title
RESOLUTION NO.**

FILE NO. 040058

1 [Economic Opportunity Council]

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3 **Resolution urging the Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) of San Francisco to**
4 **immediately restore the supplemental nutrition distribution system sites to serve the**
5 **needs of San Francisco seniors, and requesting that a workgroup, including the City**
6 **Controller, develop a plan to restore eliminated EOC services, and study EOC**
7 **management and governance issues.**

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9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco senior population over 60 was 136,369 in 2000 and is
10 expected to leap to 177,000 by 2010; and,

11 WHEREAS, Thousands of San Francisco seniors are impoverished and require
12 supplemental aid for their nutritional needs; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Economic Opportunity Council (EOC) of San Francisco administers a
14 supplemental nutrition distribution program to meet these needs of over 5000 San Francisco
15 seniors city-wide; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Economic Opportunity Council has reduced the number of distribution
17 sites serving San Francisco seniors supplemental nutrition from 86 to 8; and,

18 WHEREAS, This reduction of service has placed an enormous burden on San
19 Francisco seniors, placing them at considerable risk, and forcing them to travel great
20 distances for supplemental food or forgo the benefit; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Economic Opportunity Council
22 of San Francisco to immediately restore the supplemental nutrition distribution system sites to
23 serve the needs of San Francisco seniors, with improved accountability and distribution
24 procedures; and

25 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board:

- 1 1) Requests that EOC improve its management and reduce its administrative costs to
2 serve San Francisco’s low income seniors effectively, and that seniors should have
3 more sites available from which to pickup their food boxes.
- 4 2) Requests that a workgroup comprised of EOC representatives, community site
5 representatives, and the Controller of the City and County of San Francisco,
6 develop a plan to restore eliminated sites and improve communication between
7 EOC and sites without adding significant administrative costs. The workgroup
8 should also research best practices from other Commodity Supplemental Food
9 Program (CSFP) communities. The workgroup should further review whether
10 distribution sites can assume some of the administrative duties within their current
11 funding allocation in order to restore the services.
- 12 3) Urges that if the workgroup has not reached agreement by no later than 60 days
13 after this resolution becomes effective, the EOC should consider turning over
14 management of CSFP to another agency.
- 15 4) Requests that the City Controller return to the Board of Supervisors no later than
16 60 days after this resolution becomes effective with findings and recommendations
17 regarding the governance of the EOC and the CSFP.

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