

1 [Opposing Proposition 1D.]

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3 **Resolution opposing Proposition 1D on the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.**

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5 WHEREAS, In 1998, the voters of California passed Proposition 10, the California
6 Children and Families Act, approving a tobacco tax to fund services for young children in
7 California and to provide for the formation of the First 5 California Commission to oversee and
8 support the funding of education, health and child care program for children ages 0 to 5; and

9 WHEREAS, This commission, also known as First 5 California, also works with 58 First
10 5 County Commissions statewide to develop and fund programs for young children that are
11 tailored to the needs of local communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Together, First 5 California and the First 5 County Commissions have
13 established a foundation for the future success of children and their ability to reach their full
14 potential; and

15 WHEREAS, In 10 short years, First 5 California has dramatically increased public
16 awareness, improved systems, and built an effective array of direct services for prevention
17 and early services in every county in California, reaching nearly 1 million young children; and

18 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco has faithfully served the families of San Francisco by
19 creating and supporting a wide range of initiatives and programs that are critical for thousands
20 of undeserved children and families, providing health care insurance, high quality early
21 childhood education, and family support services; and,

22 WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco has taken the lead in uniting organizations, parents,
23 and providers on behalf of the welfare of children from the prenatal stage through age 5; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Proposition 1D, a statewide ballot measure for the May 19, 2009 Special
2 Election, would authorize the State of California to appropriate \$320 million a year for five
3 years, for a total of \$1.6 billion, from the First 5 California efforts to address a deficit in other
4 children’s programming in the State of California; and

5 WHEREAS, The loss of First 5 funds would seriously impact programming for young
6 children across the state and in San Francisco; and

7 WHEREAS, It is critical that First 5 San Francisco retain its ability to receive and
8 distribute San Francisco’s share of revenue generated by the tobacco tax and carry out the
9 will of the people of California who approved Proposition 10; and,

10 WHEREAS, With the passage of Proposition 1D, San Francisco would lose between
11 \$3.6 and \$4.8 million, more than 4,000 San Francisco children and their parents and
12 caregivers would no longer receive early literacy and family support services, and over 3,000
13 San Francisco children would no longer have access to vision, hearing, and dental
14 screenings; and,

15 WHEREAS, With the passage of Proposition 1D, 550 San Francisco children would
16 lose comprehensive medical and dental health insurance coverage, and more than 500 San
17 Francisco children would lose access to early screening, assessment and treatment of
18 disabilities, and special health care needs; and,

19 WHEREAS, Over 200 agencies and several thousand families would lose early
20 childhood mental health consultation services, which foster healthy social and emotional
21 development; and,

22 WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition 1D would mean reprogramming Proposition
23 10 funding in order to resolve the State's budget would result in a tremendous loss for San
24 Franciscans and young children throughout the State of California; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The funding at risk with the passage of Proposition 1D is a drop in the
2 bucket of the state budget deficit but would mean a drastic loss of services for San
3 Francisco’s youngest children; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 hereby opposes Proposition 1D on the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.

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