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Prepared by: Arthur Khoo

Date: February 23, 2023

Prepared by: Jocelyn Wong

Date: March 3, 2023

1 [Condemning House Concurrent Resolution 9]

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3 **Resolution condemning the passage of “Red-Baiting” House Concurrent Resolution 9,**
4 **and urging Congress not to engage in, vote for, or otherwise support fearmongering**
5 **and red-baiting by the federal government.**

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7 WHEREAS, On January 25, 2023, Republican Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) introduced
8 House Concurrent Resolution 9 (“the Resolution”), “Denouncing the Horrors of Socialism,” in
9 the United States House of Representatives; and

10 WHEREAS, On February 1, 2023, the Resolution passed by a bipartisan vote of 328-
11 86; and

12 WHEREAS, The Resolution inaccurately attributed several atrocities to socialism and
13 socialist ideals; and

14 WHEREAS, The Resolution cites a litany of “socialist ideologues” and claims that
15 “socialism has repeatedly led to famine and mass murders, and the killing of over
16 100,000,000 people worldwide”; and

17 WHEREAS, The Resolution states that “Congress denounces socialism in all its forms,
18 and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America”; and

19 WHEREAS, Red-baiting is defined as the act of harassing or persecuting someone on
20 account of known or suspected sympathies for communist, socialist, or similar left-aligned
21 ideologies; and

22 WHEREAS, Red-baiting has historically been used in the United States of America to
23 disenfranchise, silence, and jail people for political and anti-worker purposes; and

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1 WHEREAS, Socialism has deep roots all over the world, and socialist ideas have
2 motivated many leaders to seek better conditions for our most vulnerable residents in the
3 United States and worldwide; and

4 WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr., Angela Davis, Bayard Rustin, W.E.B. Du Bois,
5 Mother Jones, Dorothy Day, Paul Robeson, Langston Hughes, James Baldwin, Cesar
6 Chavez, and countless other celebrated leaders were unapologetic about their socialist ideals;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, It is often stated that San Francisco is a union town, with a rich tradition of
9 socialist organizing that lives on to the present in the struggle for workers' rights; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States has implemented various essential programs and
11 changes to its laws based on socialist ideals, including public housing, public education,
12 public libraries, the United States Postal Service, Medicare, and other similar programs; and

13 WHEREAS, It is a disservice to the legacies of socialist leaders, workers, and socialist-
14 inspired programs that exist today to allow this type of misleading redbaiting to permeate once
15 again through the Capitol; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ("the Board") condemns
17 House Concurrent Resolution 9; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges Congress not to engage in, vote for, or
19 otherwise support fearmongering and red-baiting; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board calls on Congress, President Joe Biden, and
21 Vice President Kamala Harris to stand against red-baiting by the federal government; and, be
22 it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board will send a copy of this Resolution
24 to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Congressman Kevin Mullin, Senator Dianne Feinstein,
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1 Senator Alex Padilla, President Joe Biden, and Vice President Kamala Harris upon its
2 passage.

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H. CON. RES. 9

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Received; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Denouncing the horrors of socialism.

Whereas socialist ideology necessitates a concentration of power that has time and time again collapsed into Communist regimes, totalitarian rule, and brutal dictatorships;

Whereas socialism has repeatedly led to famine and mass murders, and the killing of over 100,000,000 people worldwide;

Whereas many of the greatest crimes in history were committed by socialist ideologues, including Vladimir Lenin, Joseph Stalin, Mao Zedong, Fidel Castro, Pol Pot, Kim Jong Il, Kim Jong Un, Daniel Ortega, Hugo Chavez, and Nicolás Maduro;

Whereas tens of millions died in the Bolshevik Revolution, at least 10,000,000 people were sent to the gulags in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR), and millions more starved in the Terror-Famine (Holodomor) in Ukraine;

Whereas between 15,000,000 and 55,000,000 people starved to death in the wake of famine and devastation caused by the Great Leap Forward in China;

Whereas the socialist experiment in Cambodia led to the killing fields in which over a million people were gruesomely murdered;

Whereas up to 3,500,000 people have starved in North Korea, dividing a land of freedom from a land of destitution;

Whereas the Castro regime in Cuba expropriated the land of Cuban farmers and the businesses of Cuban entrepreneurs, stealing their possessions and their livelihoods, and exiling millions with nothing but the clothes on their backs;

Whereas the implementation of socialism in Venezuela has turned a once-prosperous nation into a failed State with the world's highest rate of inflation;

Whereas the author of the Declaration of Independence, President Thomas Jefferson, wrote, "To take from one, because it is thought that his own industry and that of his fathers has acquired too much, in order to spare to

From: [Hernandez, Melissa G \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: For Introduction: Resolution on House Concurrent Resolution 9
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 3:41:26 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[PDF - House Concurrent Resolution 9.pdf](#)

Hi Jocelyn,

Thanks so much for following up!

- The edits are acceptable
- Please see attached PDF copy of H.Con.Res.9
- The California State Association of Counties, the League of California Cities, and National League of Cities have NOT taken a position on this bill

Best,

Melissa G. Hernandez

Legislative Aide, District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston

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Cc: Preston, Dean (BOS) <dean.preston@sfgov.org>
Subject: RE: For Introduction: Resolution on House Concurrent Resolution 9

Hi Melissa,

Please see attached for proof of minor edits. Kindly review and confirm if these changes are acceptable.

Please provide the following:

1. PDF copy of House Concurrent Resolution 9
2. Per Board Rule 2.8.2, please confirm that organizations such as the [California State Association of Counties](#), [League of California Cities](#), and National League of Cities have *not* taken a position on these bills. If they have, please provide a copy of their statement for completeness of the file.

Thank you,

Jocelyn Wong

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Subject: For Introduction: Resolution on House Concurrent Resolution 9

Hello,

Please see the attached resolution and associated (signed) introduction form for the following:

Resolution on House Concurrent Resolution 9

I'm also attaching a version without signature that is editable in case you need to copy and paste anything. We do not believe these matters are contentious in nature and are requesting that the item be placed on the next Board of Supervisors agenda.

Best,

Melissa G. Hernandez

Legislative Aide, District 5 Supervisor Dean Preston

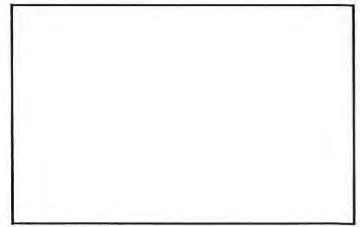
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor [] inquires..."
- 5. City Attorney Request
- 6. Call File No. [] from Committee.
- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. []
- 9. Reactivate File No. []
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on []

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Dean Preston

Subject:

Resolution on House Concurrent Resolution 9

Long Title or text listed:

Resolution condemning the passage of "Red-Baiting" House Concurrent Resolution 9.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: 