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[Summer Youth Employment Program]

URGING THE SAN FRANCISCO SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO THE SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM THAT WOULD ALLOW HUNDREDS OF SAN FRANCISCO TEENAGERS TO FIND MEANINGFUL JOBS THIS SUMMER AND IN THE COMING YEAR.

WHEREAS, San Francisco's economy is experiencing phenomenal growth, causing a shortage of labor and making it more difficult for local businesses to find workers to fill jobs at all levels; and,

WHEREAS. A large percentage of these new jobs are created by small businesses; and,

WHEREAS, A plentiful source of labor for these new jobs is teenagers, who can fill many of the entry level positions available at small businesses and obtain valuable real world experience that will ease their entrance into the competitive job market; and,

WHEREAS. The income generated by these young people, particularly those who come from San Francisco's poorest families, can raise their family's total income by as much as 25 percent; and,

WHEREAS, The Summer Youth Employment and Training Program is a Federal program administered through San Francisco's Private Industry Council that allows hundreds of low income young adults to find eight-week jobs during the summer months by working at small businesses, city offices, community groups and non-profit organizations as clerks, researchers, and a wide array of similar positions; and,

WHEREAS. This enormously popular program served 1,100 young adults during the summer of 1999 and turned away an additional 1,000 who wanted to work but could not be funded; and,

WHEREAS, This program is a win-win situation for the business community, young people and the communities they live in, keeping teenagers productive and safe while not in school; and,

WHEREAS, The Federal Government has regrettably cut the budget of the Summer Youth Employment Program this year by 60 percent to make way for a new program administered under the Workforce Investment Act, which will likely not be up and running in time to serve youth in San Francisco this summer; and,

WHEREAS, These cuts will effectively eliminate almost \$2 million previously set aside for summer youth jobs and will result in only about 400 teenagers being able to find jobs with the program, as compared to 1,100 last year; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recently approved Resolution 000675 urging the Board of Supervisors and Mayor Brown to identify additional funds to create a year-round youth employment collaborative; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Small Business Affairs was established last year, governed by the Small Business Commission, with a budget of over \$700,000 for use in building and sustaining the small business community; and,

WHEREAS, Due to delays in getting the Commission members appointed and the Office staffed, there is still over \$700,000 in the Commission's budget available to be spent before the end of this fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, This is an excellent opportunity to allocate existing funding that would otherwise go unused in an immediate, effective and appropriate way to help the small business community fill open jobs and empower our young people; now, therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby urges the San Francisco Small Business Commission to allocate funds to the Summer Youth Employment program that would allow hundreds of San Francisco teenagers to find meaningful jobs this summer and in the coming year; and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Small Business Commission.



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## Resolution

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Resolution urging the San Francisco Small Business Commission to allocate funds to the Summer Youth Employment Program that would allow hundreds of San Francisco teenagers to find meaningful jobs this summer and in the coming year.

May 22, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 3 - Becerril, Katz, Newsom

**Date Approved** 

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 22, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: June 2,000

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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