

1 [Money Wire Transfers to El Salvador]

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3 **Resolution urging San Francisco money wire transfer services to eliminate fees for**  
4 **sending funds to El Salvador for the next 90 days to recognize the country's state**  
5 **of emergency.**

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7 WHEREAS, There is a state of emergency in El Salvador due to the 7.6-magnitude  
8 earthquake which hit the country on Saturday, January 13; and

9 WHEREAS, The earthquake severely damaged or destroyed at least 100,000 homes  
10 and killed an estimated 687 people; and

11 WHEREAS, The earthquake and its aftershocks left an estimated \$1 billion in damage  
12 – nearly half the yearly budge in the nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Over 150,000 Salvadorans live in the Bay Area and over 50,000 reside in  
14 San Francisco and, as the second-largest Latino group after those of Mexican descent, they  
15 are vital to the functioning of the Bay Area economy; and

16 WHEREAS, A delegation representing the Bay Area Salvadoran community (led by a  
17 member of the Board of Supervisors) traveled to El Salvador on Saturday, January 20 to hand  
18 deliver \$250,000 to organizations working in the worst-affected rural communities; and

19 WHEREAS, According to U.S. governmental studies and the consul general for San  
20 Francisco's Salvadoran consulate, last year Bay Area Salvadorans sent a record amount of at  
21 least \$2.4 billion home to their families; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco Salvadorans have endured the terrible loss of family  
23 members and loved ones; and

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25 SUPERVISOR GERARDO SANDOVAL, *Gonzalez, Ammiano, Lenc*  
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WHEREAS, United States money wire transfer services, such as Western Union, MoneyGram, and banks charge money transfer fees, most starting at \$12 per transaction, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge all money wire transfer services to waive their transfer fees for sending money to El Salvador for the next 90 days; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is directed to notify all money wire transfer services of this request, including Western Union, MoneyGram, and banks.



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Resolution

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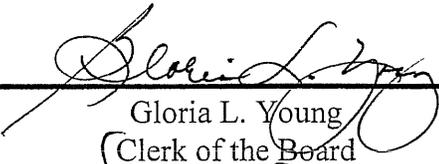
Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Yee  
Absent: 1 - Sandoval

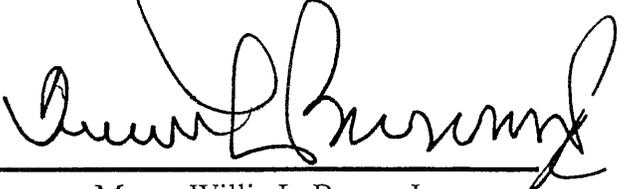
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 22, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

  
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

  
Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.