

1 [Jury Duty Reform]
4/15/99 AND SUPPORTING IN ADOPTING
grh 2 URGING/THE JUDGES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO SUPERIOR COURT ~~TO ADOPT~~ THE "ONE
3 DAY OR ONE TRIAL" JURY SELECTION SYSTEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE; THE
4 JUDICIAL COUNCIL TO ADOPT A RULE OF COURT TO IMPLEMENT STATE LEGISLATION
5 REQUIRING "ONE DAY OR ONE TRIAL" WITH ALL DUE HASTE; THE SAN FRANCISCO
4/15/99 AND TO CONSIDER DEVELOPING PRE-HARDSHIP PROVISIONS FOR JURORS
grh 6 SUPERIOR COURT TO PLACE ON THE INTERNET INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR
7 PERSONS CALLED FOR JURY DUTY; AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO BUDGET AS
8 NEEDED TO FACILITATE SETTING UP THIS SYSTEM.

9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is committed to the concept of customer service within government;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, The concept of customer service is especially applicable in instances where
12 government relies on its citizens for public service, such as jury duty; and,

13 WHEREAS, Although as many as twenty-four California counties have established a "one day
14 or one trial" system of jury duty, San Francisco requires persons called for jury duty to remain "on call"
15 for up to two weeks before knowing whether they will be picked for a trial; and,

16 WHEREAS, Government Code Section 68550 requires that the Judicial Council adopt a rule of
17 court requiring every trial court to adopt, by January 2000, a requirement limiting jury service to either
18 one trial, or one day on call, per individual; and,

19 WHEREAS, San Francisco could choose to avoid implementing this rule by arguing that it is
20 impractical to apply; and,

4/15/99 San Francisco recognises the
grh 21 WHEREAS, Increased convenience to the great number of citizens who are routinely
22 inconvenienced by jury duty outweighs the convenience to the courts of having these citizens on call
23 for up to two weeks; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Judicial Council has begun drafting Rule 861 of the California Rules of Court,
25 which would require statewide implementation of the "one day or one trial" program; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Jurors routinely encounter continuous busy signals and being placed on hold for
2 lengthy periods of time when phoning the court for information related to their jury service; and,

3 WHEREAS, The phone system could be handily supplemented by providing internet access to
4 those jurors; now, therefore, be it

4/15/99 grh 5 RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge ^{and support} the judges of the San
6 Francisco Superior Court ^{in adopting} to adopt the "one day or one trial" jury system as quickly as possible; and be
7 it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the
9 Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to implement the state legislation requiring "one day or one
/15/99 grh 10 trial" with all due haste, ^{and to consider developing pre-hardship provisions for jurors} and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the San
12 Francisco Superior Court to place on the internet information necessary for persons called for jury
13 service; and be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby urge the state
15 legislature to budget as needed to facilitate setting up this system; and be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco does hereby request that
17 copies of this resolution be sent to the San Francisco Superior Court, 400 McAllister Street, Rm. 205,
18 San Francisco, CA 94102 ; to the Judicial Council, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA
19 94102-3660; and to our state representatives.

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Resolution

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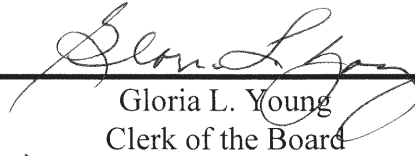
Resolution urging and supporting the Judges of the San Francisco Superior Court in adopting the "One Day or One Trial" jury selection system as quickly as possible; the Judicial Council to adopt a rule of court to implement State legislation requiring "One Day or One Trial" with all due haste and to consider developing pre-hardship provisions for jurors; the San Francisco Superior Court to place on the internet information necessary for persons called for jury duty; and the State Legislature to budget as needed to facilitate setting up this system.

April 26, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

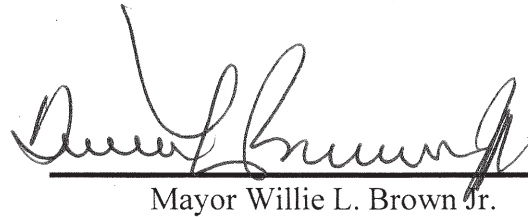
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution
was **ADOPTED** on April 26, 1999 by the
Board of Supervisors of the City and County
of San Francisco.


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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