

1 [Emergency Declaration Concurrence – Influenza Vaccine.]

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3 **Motion concurring in the October 12, 2004 Declaration of the Existence of a Local**
4 **Emergency for Limited Purposes by the Mayor, and in the actions taken to meet the**
5 **emergency.**

6 WHEREAS, On October 12, 2004, Mayor Gavin Newsom declared a local emergency
7 to exist for certain limited purposes in connection with the inadequate supply of influenza
8 vaccine in the Bay Area this flu season, following last week's announcement that nearly 50
9 million doses of influenza vaccine manufactured by Chiron would not be shipped; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of California's heavy dependence on Chiron to supply the vast
11 majority of influenza vaccine for this year and the City and County of San Francisco's large
12 population of elderly and immuno-compromised people, make the City vulnerable to unusually
13 high rates of severe illness, hospitalization, and death this flu season; and

14 WHEREAS, Government Code Sections 8500 et seq. and Charter Section 3.100
15 provide for the concurrence by members of the Board of Supervisors in such emergency
16 declaration, and in action taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and

17 WHEREAS, The State of California's Public Health Officer issued a Public Health
18 Order on October 8, 2004, "directing all healthcare providers in the state to limit flu shots only
19 to individuals in 'high-risk categories' and to refrain from immunizing healthy individuals in
20 response to a national shortage of flu vaccine...[and] to screen individuals seeking flu shots to
21 ensure that the vaccine is limited to the state's most vulnerable residents"; and

22 WHEREAS, The Mayor is informed and believes that the Counties of Alameda, Contra
23 Costa, San Mateo, and Santa Clara intend to declare local states of emergency in their
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1 respective counties regarding the inadequate supply of influenza vaccine in the Bay Area this
2 flu season; and

3 WHEREAS, Members of the Board of Supervisors heard reports from the Mayor and
4 from the Director of Health concerning the inadequate supply of influenza vaccine in the Bay
5 Area this flu season and the vulnerability of the City's large population of elderly and immuno-
6 compromised people to unusually high rates of severe illness, hospitalization, and death this
7 flu season, and reviewed the Mayor's emergency proclamation; now, therefore, be it

8 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors concurs with the declaration of emergency
9 issued by the Mayor, and in the actions taken by the Mayor to meet the emergency; and be it

10 FURTHER MOVED, That the emergency powers invoked by the Mayor, and the orders
11 issued pursuant thereto, shall remain in effect only so long as conditions in the community
12 justifying the declaration of emergency continue to exist; and be it

13 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors shall regularly review the need for
14 continuing the local emergency as required by Government Code Section 8630.