

1 [Encouraging the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to locate its Headquarters in  
2 San Francisco]

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4 **Resolution encouraging the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine to locate its**  
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7 WHEREAS, Last year, a coalition of California families and medical experts joined  
8 together to create a ballot initiative, called the California Stem Cell Research and Cures  
9 Initiative, which was designed to fund stem cell research in California; and

10 WHEREAS, The initiative was placed on the November 2004 statewide ballot as  
11 Proposition 71; and,

12 WHEREAS, San Francisco was the first city and/or county to officially endorse  
13 Proposition 71, with a resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors and signed by the  
14 Mayor in May 2004; and,

15 WHEREAS, On November 4, 2004 California voters approved Proposition 71 with 59%  
16 of the vote; and,

17 WHEREAS, San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 71, with 71%  
18 of the vote; and,

19 WHEREAS, As a result of the passage of Proposition 71, Article XXXV, Section 1 of  
20 the California Constitution establishes the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine  
21 (hereinafter the "Institute"); and,

22 WHEREAS, It is expected that the Institute will issue a final request for proposals  
23 seeking office space for a headquarters close to a major center of biomedical research in  
24 February; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is currently preparing a  
2 comprehensive response to the request for proposals in hopes of enticing the Institute to  
3 locate here; and,

4           WHEREAS, With the University of California San Francisco (hereinafter "UCSF"),  
5 Stanford University, UC Berkeley, UC Davis, the Gladstone Institute and over 800 biotech  
6 companies in the Bay Area, San Francisco is at the center of a region which can claim no  
7 equal when it comes to stem cell and life sciences research; and,

8           WHEREAS, UCSF is the only university on the west coast with a federally-registered  
9 human embryonic stem cell line; and,

10          WHEREAS, San Francisco is at the center of the world's leading biotechnology cluster,  
11 and home to an unparalleled pool of talent that can meet the challenges of this important  
12 endeavor; and,

13          WHEREAS, San Francisco is a world-class city with a reputation for being on the  
14 leading edge of innovation, whether as the birthplace of biotechnology or the multimedia  
15 revolution and is an ideal location for the Institute; now, therefore, be it

16          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California Institute of  
17 Regenerative Medicine to choose San Francisco for the location of its headquarters.

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