

1 [Urging State to adopt Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness.]

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3 **Resolution urging the State of California to adopt a Ten Year Plan to End Chronic**
4 **Homelessness by 2006.**

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6 WHEREAS, the City of San Francisco has recently developed and is now implementing
7 a Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness; and,

8 WHEREAS, chronically homeless individuals, those who struggle with the most
9 persistent forms of homelessness, are sometimes afflicted not only by poverty but also by
10 chronic conditions such as mental illness and substance abuse; and

11 WHEREAS, many of these individuals cycle repeatedly through our local shelters,
12 hospital emergency rooms, psychiatric wards, detoxification programs, and even the criminal
13 justice system; and

14 WHEREAS, new research findings, housing programs and discharge planning models
15 demonstrate that ending chronic homelessness is within the grasp of both the State and
16 federal governments; and

17 WHEREAS, city governments have responsibility to directly address homelessness
18 and can only meet do so successfully with strong partnership with state government; and

19 WHEREAS, the abolition of chronic homelessness requires collaboration and
20 coordination of resources at all levels of government, together with community institutions,
21 businesses, and neighborhood and faith-based organizations, to best determine how to
22 implement prevention and intervention strategies; and

23 WHEREAS, the federal government is coordinating policies and resources to assist the
24 efforts to end chronic homelessness through the Interagency Council on Homelessness; and

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1 WHEREAS, over one hundred and fifty major cities and counties across the state,
2 including Contra Costa County, Los Angeles City and County, Long Beach, Oakland,
3 Alameda County, Placer County, Riverside County, and San Diego City and County, have
4 already created and committed to Ten Year Plans to End Chronic Homelessness; and

5 WHEREAS, almost every state in the country, including Alaska, Florida, Kentucky,
6 Virginia, New York, Oregon, Mississippi, New Jersey, Colorado, and Hawaii, have created
7 and committed to Ten Year Plans to End Chronic Homelessness;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco
9 urges the State of California to adopt a State Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness by
10 2006; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, that City and County of San Francisco pledges to work in
12 partnership with the State of California government to complete this Ten Year Plan.

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