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[Opposing Proposition 1D.]

Resolution opposing Proposition 1D on the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.

WHEREAS, In 1998, the voters of California passed Proposition 10, the California Children and Families Act, approving a tobacco tax to fund services for young children in California and to provide for the formation of the First 5 California Commission to oversee and support the funding of education, health and child care program for children ages 0 to 5; and

WHEREAS. This commission, also known as First 5 California, also works with 58 First 5 County Commissions statewide to develop and fund programs for young children that are tailored to the needs of local communities; and

WHEREAS, Together, First 5 California and the First 5 County Commissions have established a foundation for the future success of children and their ability to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, In 10 short years, First 5 California has dramatically increased public awareness, improved systems, and built an effective array of direct services for prevention and early services in every county in California, reaching nearly 1 million young children; and

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco has faithfully served the families of San Francisco by creating and supporting a wide range of initiatives and programs that are critical for thousands of undeserved children and families, providing health care insurance, high quality early childhood education, and family support services; and,

WHEREAS, First 5 San Francisco has taken the lead in uniting organizations, parents, and providers on behalf of the welfare of children from the prenatal stage through age 5; and,

Supervisors Avalos, Mar, Daly, Campos

WHEREAS, Proposition 1D, a statewide ballot measure for the May 19, 2009 Special Election, would authorize the State of California to appropriate \$320 million a year for five years, for a total of \$1.6 billion, from the First 5 California efforts to address a deficit in other children's programming in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, The loss of First 5 funds would seriously impact programming for young children across the state and in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, It is critical that First 5 San Francisco retain its ability to receive and distribute San Francisco's share of revenue generated by the tobacco tax and carry out the will of the people of California who approved Proposition 10; and,

WHEREAS, With the passage of Proposition 1D, San Francisco would lose between \$3.6 and \$4.8 million, more than 4,000 San Francisco children and their parents and caregivers would no longer receive early literacy and family support services, and over 3,000 San Francisco children would no longer have access to vision, hearing, and dental screenings; and,

WHEREAS, With the passage of Proposition 1D, 550 San Francisco children would lose comprehensive medical and dental health insurance coverage, and more than 500 San Francisco children would lose access to early screening, assessment and treatment of disabilities, and special health care needs; and,

WHEREAS, Over 200 agencies and several thousand families would lose early childhood mental health consultation services, which foster healthy social and emotional development; and,

WHEREAS, The passage of Proposition 1D would mean reprogramming Proposition 10 funding in order to resolve the State's budget would result in a tremendous loss for San Franciscans and young children throughout the State of California; and,

WHEREAS, The funding at risk with the passage of Proposition 1D is a drop in the bucket of the state budget deficit but would mean a drastic loss of services for San Francisco's youngest children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby opposes Proposition 1D on the May 19, 2009 Statewide Special Election.



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Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar,

Maxwell, Mirkarimi

May 5, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Mar, Maxwell,

Mirkarimi

Noes: 1 - Elsbernd

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 5, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavit Newsom

5/14/09

Date Approved