

1 [Resolution Supporting the Youth PROMISE Act]

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3 **Resolution supporting HR 1064 and S 435: the Youth Prison Reduction through**  
4 **Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act**

5 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco is committed to ensuring that youth  
6 lead productive, safe, healthy, gang-free and law-abiding lives; and

7 WHEREAS, Evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency  
8 and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention are needed to help build  
9 individual, family, and community strength and resiliency in youth; and,

10 WHEREAS, HR 1064, introduced by Congressmen Robert "Bobby" Scott and Michael  
11 Castle, and S 435, introduced by Senators Robert Casey and Olympia Snowe, the Youth  
12 Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act  
13 (Youth PROMISE Act), would amend the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of  
14 1974 and the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Youth PROMISE Act establishes a PROMISE Advisory Panel to  
16 assist the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in assessing and developing  
17 standards and evidence-based practices to prevent juvenile delinquency and criminal street  
18 gang activity; and to collect data in designated geographic areas to assess the needs and  
19 existing resources for juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and  
20 intervention; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Youth PROMISE Act authorizes awarding grants to local governments  
22 to plan, assess, and implement PROMISE programs for juvenile delinquency and criminal  
23 street gang activity prevention and intervention, especially for at-risk youth, in local  
24 communities; to hire and train law enforcement officers as youth-oriented police to work with  
25 local PROMISE Coordinating Councils, other community-based organizations, and high-risk

1 youths; to extend and increase funding for juvenile accountability block grants through Fiscal  
2 Year 2013; and to create and expand state, local, and tribal juvenile witness and victim  
3 protection programs; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Youth PROMISE Act could provide additional resources to support  
5 the City's gang prevention and intervention efforts; and,

6 WHEREAS, HR 1064 has passed the Judiciary Committee of the House of  
7 Representatives, has enough votes to pass out of the Education and Labor Committee, and S  
8 435 will be heard in the Senate in early 2010; and,

9 WHEREAS, Both the Youth Justice Committee of the San Francisco Youth  
10 Commission and the full Youth Commission unanimously urge the Board of Supervisors to  
11 support the Youth PROMISE Act via Resolution No. 0910-AL06; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
13 hereby supports HR 1064 and S 435, the Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities,  
14 Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act (Youth PROMISE Act), which would  
15 provide funding for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency  
16 and street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and  
17 community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, healthy, and  
18 law-abiding lives; and be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
20 Francisco urges our federal representatives to support the Youth PROMISE ACT when it  
21 comes before U.S. Senate; and be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Board directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a copy of  
23 this resolution to our Congressional Delegation.