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[Urging the Treasury Oversight Committee to Ratify Socially Responsible Investment Goals in the City's Investment Policy to Encourage Investments Related to Foreclosure Mitigation]

Resolution urging the Treasury Oversight Committee to ratify socially responsible investment goals in the City's Investment Policy to encourage investments related to foreclosure mitigation.

WHEREAS, The Office of the San Francisco Treasurer and Tax Collector (Treasurer) invests City funds in various instruments authorized by state law and the City's Investment Policy; and

WHEREAS, These investments are governed by the requirement to invest for safety, liquidity, and yield, as set forth in state law; and

WHEREAS, The City's Investment Policy contains socially responsible goals, which include encouraging investments in companies with safe and environmentally sound practices and fair labor practices, companies that support equality of rights regardless of sex, race, age, disability or sexual orientation, companies that offer banking products to serve all members of the local community, and companies that maintain a Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) rating of either Satisfactory or Outstanding; and discouraging investments in companies that manufacture tobacco products, firearms, or nuclear weapons, or companies that finance high-cost check-cashing and deferred deposit (payday-lending) businesses; and

WHEREAS, The Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector was a member of the Fair Lending Working Group, created by the Board of Supervisors, which recommended that the Treasurer modify the City's Investment Policy to encourage the responsible servicing of mortgage loans using publicly available, verifiable, and administrable information; and

WHEREAS, During the recent recession, a record number of foreclosures have been documented in San Francisco and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, The Treasurer has identified a metric to evaluate a financial institution's commitment to foreclosure mitigation using publicly available, verifiable, and administrable information, and will seek to amend the City's Investment Policy to include this metric; and

WHEREAS, Modifications to the Investment Policy are ratified by the Treasury Oversight Committee; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby supports the Office of Treasurer and Tax Collector in seeking to amend the City's Investment Policy to include this foreclosure mitigation metric, and urges the Treasury Oversight Committee to ratify the proposed addition to the Investment Policy relating to foreclosure mitigation.

APPROVED BY:

David Chiu