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[CHILDREN'S BUDGET]

URGING THE MAYOR TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS LOCALLY FUNDED CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS USING LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL AND OTHER FUNDS.

WHEREAS, The citizens of San Francisco have a deep concern about the welfare of our city's children and youth and the future of our city depends on creating an environment where children, youth and families can flourish; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors and the Mayor adopted a ten-point Children's Agenda in November, 1987, calling for:

- 1. Affordable Housing for Families
- 2. Plentiful Child Care Resources
- 3. Safe, Enriching Recreation
- 4. High-Quality Public Schools
- 5. Comprehensive Social Services
- 6. Accessible Health Care
- 7. State-of-the-Art Libraries
- 8. Effective Vocational Programs
- 9. A Rehabilitative Juvenile Justice System
- 10. Comprehensive Planning and Funding; and

WHEREAS, The status of San Francisco's children, as evidenced by the crack/cocaine crisis, the school drop-out rate, and the high incidence of child abuse, requires the city's urgent attention; and

WHEREAS, An investment in our children makes sound economic

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sense, given that it costs far less to prevent school failure, poor health and lack of social adjustment among our children, than to pay for the dependency and crime that results when children's needs are ignored; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's capacity to respond to the needs of its children through the budget process is hindered because budget preparation for children is scattered throughout city departments and lacks a comprehensive approach; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses the idea of developing an annual Children's Budget--a coordinated, comprehensive package of proposals which cuts across departmental lines to implement a Children's Agenda and to address the most pressing needs of the city's children, youth and families; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor to present to the Board, as part of the annual budget proposal, a separate listing of all children's programs in his budget and the rationale for these programs; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge that the following guidelines be used in developing the Children's Budget package:

- Preventing problems before they occur or before they escalate;
- Targeting the highest-risk populations and highest-need areas of the city;

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- Preventing institutionalization whenever possible; and
- Emphasizing community-based outreach strategies that are culturally specific; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the Mayor to strengthen and expand over the next two years locally funded children's programs using local, state, federal and other funds in the following areas:

- latchkey programs
- teen recreation programs
- health outreach to the schools
- mental health prevention and outreach
- youth employment
- community-based delinquency prevention programs
- youth-oriented, preventative, proactive police and streetwork programs
- residential and counseling programs for troubled adolescents
- child abuse prevention programs, and
- literacy programs.
- services for homeless families
- childcare and early childhood development programs

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Ayes: Supervisors Alioto Britt Gonzalez Hallinan Hongisto Hsieh  
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Absent: Supervisor~~s~~ Walker

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution  
was adopted by the Board of Supervisors  
of the City and County of San Francisco

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Date Approved

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Mayor