

1 [Board Policy Prioritizing Municipal Affairs]

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3 **Resolution Setting Forth Official Board of Supervisors Policy to Prioritize Municipal**
4 **Affairs.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors (“Board”) is the governmental
7 body of the City and County of San Francisco with the power to enact laws and policies,
8 consistent with state law, regulating local and municipal affairs; and

9 WHEREAS, When the Board considers non-municipal actions that are contentious, it
10 can be difficult for the Board to reach a simple majority on either side of the non-municipal
11 issue. This results in the Board spending committee time and resources debating an issue
12 outside its direct control; and

13 WHEREAS, While municipal issues can also be contentious, and be difficult for the
14 Board to reach a majority on either side of the issue, the work to solve municipal problems is
15 necessary to fulfill the core purposes of the Board; and

16 WHEREAS, the Board can support resolutions on non-municipal and non-contentious
17 matters by adopting without committee reference; and

18 WHEREAS, Every San Francisco resident has the right to speak on any topic during
19 public comment at full Board meetings that has not already been discussed in committee; and

20 WHEREAS, Every Member of the Board of Supervisors has the right — either
21 independently or with other Members — to take a position on any matter of public interest,
22 whether local or non-local, through issuing statements, publishing op-eds, attending rallies, or
23 otherwise expressing their views outside official committee and full Board meetings; and

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1 WHEREAS, San Francisco residents can petition their state and federal
2 representatives on non-municipal issues to enact policies the state and federal
3 representatives have control over; and

4 WHEREAS, By prioritizing the study and deliberation of the most pressing municipal
5 issues facing residents, the Board is able to act with greater swiftness, accountability, and
6 sensitivity as it works to address and solve problems within our city; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors declares that it is the official policy of the
8 Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco to prioritize municipal affairs
9 and issues that most directly impact and affect the City and County of San Francisco in the
10 conduct of Board business.

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