[Urging the passage of Assembly Bill 1261.]

Resolution urging the California State Legislature to adopt and Governor Gray Davis to sign Assembly Bill (AB) 1261, which would extend services of transitional housing for foster youth.

WHEREAS, In California each year, approximately 2,300 youth emancipate from the state's Transitional Housing Placement Program (THPP); and,

WHEREAS, Out of those youth, about 10% or 230 youth are from the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The lack of adequate preparation for foster care youth to live independently after exiting the foster care system combined with the lack of affordable housing available for these youth deserves particular attention during this time of San Francisco's housing crisis which maintains a vacancy rate below 1%; and

WHEREAS, A recent national study found that within two to four years after emancipation, 46% of these youth had not completed high school; 51% were under or unemployed; 25% had been homeless at least one night; and 40% had been on public assistance or incarcerated; and,

WHEREAS, The THPP, provides foster youth ages 17 to 18 a program for independent living, yet has only 10 beds available in the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Assembly members Carole Migden and Tony Cardenas have introduced AB 1261, which would extend the age range of foster youth eligible for the THPP from 17 to 18 years old to the ages of 16 to 21; and,

WHEREAS, This bill would also remove any unnecessary licensing barriers to THPP programs serving youth over the age of 18 to encourage more transitional housing providers to offer these programs as well as change the rate paid to transitional housing programs to better reflect the actual costs of providing this type of program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the California State Legislature to pass and Governor Gray Davis to sign AB 1261 (Migden and Cardenas); and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports AB 1261 and does hereby ask that copies of this legislation be sent to our state representatives and His Honor the Mayor, with instructions that all actions be taken for its successful passage.



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Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,

Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - McGoldrick

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on June 4, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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