

1 [Endorse The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative]

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3 **Resolution endorsing The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, a**  
4 **measure for the November 2004 statewide ballot, which will both support important**  
5 **scientific research and create jobs in California.**  
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8 WHEREAS, More than 120 million Americans suffer from chronic and life-threatening  
9 diseases such as diabetes, cancer, heart disease, Alzheimer's, Multiple Sclerosis, HIV/AIDS,  
10 Parkinson's disease, ALS, osteoporosis and brain and spinal cord injuries; and,

11 WHEREAS, Medical researchers have discovered that many of these diseases and  
12 injuries could be successfully treated or cured by new regenerative medicine therapies  
13 involving stem cells; and,

14 WHEREAS, Most medical experts view stem cell research as the new frontier in  
15 medicine that could save millions of lives; and,

16 WHEREAS, The Bush Administration opposes this promising field of study and has  
17 restricted nearly all federal funding for stem cell research; and,

18 WHEREAS, These federal funding limitations have already caused some of our state's  
19 brightest stem cell researchers to go abroad or to leave the field; and,

20 WHEREAS, California's medical and scientific institutions, including the University of  
21 California, San Francisco, that wish to conduct stem cell research must find alternatives to  
22 federal funding; and,

23 WHEREAS, A coalition of California families and medical experts have joined together  
24 to create a ballot initiative, called the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, that  
25 will fund stem cell research in California; and,

1           WHEREAS, The initiative authorizes state bonds that will provide an average of \$295  
2 million per year over a ten year period to fund stem cell research by scientists at California's  
3 universities, including the University of California, San Francisco; and,

4           WHEREAS, The increase in stem cell research activities should create thousands of  
5 new jobs in California, including many in San Francisco; and,

6           WHEREAS, The initiative assures that funds will be used properly and effectively by  
7 requiring independent audits, open meetings, public hearings and annual reports to the  
8 public; and,

9           WHEREAS, The initiative creates an Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee and  
10 advisory groups that will include the state's top medical experts, representatives of disease  
11 advocacy groups and financial experts; and,

12           WHEREAS, Under the initiative, the State of California will receive royalties that result  
13 from the research; and,

14           WHEREAS, The initiative is funded by state tax-exempt bonds, with the interest fully  
15 funded by bond proceeds for the first five years to protect the state general fund from  
16 payments during California's economic recovery; and,

17           WHEREAS, The initiative includes provisions to protect patient rights and privacy and  
18 specifically prohibits any funding for human reproductive cloning; and

19           WHEREAS, The text of The California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative is on  
20 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. <sup>040330</sup>, which is hereby declared to be  
21 a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorses the California  
23 Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative; and, be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
25 to send a copy of this resolution to Californians for Stem Cell Research and Cures.



# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails Resolution

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**File Number:** 040330

**Date Passed:**

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May 11, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,  
Sandoval

Noes: 1 - Hall

Excused: 1 - Ammiano

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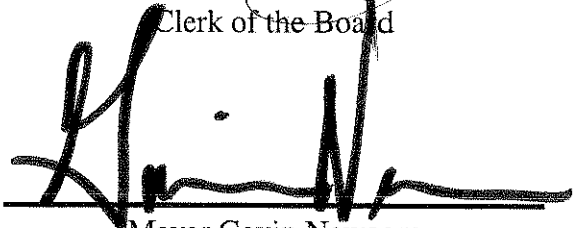
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 11, 2004 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

5/13/04

Date Approved



Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board



Mayor Gavin Newsom