

1 [Urging Governor Schwarzenegger to grant Stanley Tookie Williams' request for clemency]

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3 **Resolution urging Governor Schwarzenegger to grant Stanley Tookie Williams' request**
4 **for clemency and to support AB-1121, the "California Moratorium on Executions Act."**

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6 WHEREAS, Stanley Tookie Williams was convicted of 4 murders, committed during
7 the course of 2 robberies, and is scheduled to be executed at San Quentin on December 13,
8 2005; and

9 WHEREAS, Williams admits to being one of the founders of the Crips street gang in
10 Los Angeles, but maintains his innocence of these murders, and the Federal Appeals Court
11 described several of the key witnesses who testified against him as informants with "less-
12 than-clean backgrounds and incentives to lie to obtain leniency from the state in either
13 charging or sentencing;" and,

14 WHEREAS, Tookie Williams has written nine books for children and young adults
15 aimed at stripping away the romanticized myths of gangs, crime, and prison, and presenting
16 at-risk young people with an honest portrait of the dangers of gang life; and,

17 WHEREAS, Williams mentors teenage boys and girls incarcerated in the California
18 Youth Authority, encouraging them to find positive direction in their lives and escape the
19 CYA's 91% recidivism rate; and,

20 WHEREAS, Williams can serve as a teacher by example to at-risk children who are
21 traumatized daily by violence, and will ultimately help guide children in a manner that authority
22 figures may be unable; and,

23 WHEREAS, Williams' "Tookie's Protocol for Peace: A Local Street Peace Initiative"
24 was signed by 200 members of the Crips and Bloods in Newark, New Jersey, which led to a
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1 significant decrease in the murder rate that had claimed 24 lives in the first four months of
2 2004, and,

3 WHEREAS, This year, Williams received The President's Call to Service Award,
4 accompanied by a letter from President Bush praising him for demonstrating "the outstanding
5 character of America;"

6 WHEREAS, Williams was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and the Nobel Prize
7 for Literature in honor of his anti-gang advocacy; and,

8 WHEREAS, Williams' repudiation of gang life and apology for the harm he has done
9 provides the Governor with an opportunity to exercise the power of clemency to show that our
10 criminal justice system is designed to rehabilitate—not punish; and,

11 WHEREAS, The death penalty has historically been disproportionately applied to
12 African-Americans, who account for one-third of those executed, 43% of those on death row
13 nationwide, and 67% of those on death row in the Federal system, even though African-
14 Americans constitute only 13% of the American population; and,

15 WHEREAS, Since 1973, over 120 people have been released from death row based
16 on evidence of their innocence, and future technological innovations will provide new tools for
17 emancipating the wrongfully condemned; and,

18 WHEREAS, The California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice is
19 currently conducting a study of the state's criminal justice procedures aimed at examining the
20 causes and prevalence of wrongful convictions and wrongful executions in California;

21 WHEREAS, The Commission will make recommendations and proposals designed to
22 ensure the application and administration of criminal justice in California is just, fair, and
23 accurate;

24 WHEREAS, Until the Commission makes its recommendations it would be
25 inappropriate for the Governor of California to proceed with executions;

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco has
2 endorsed a moratorium on executions in the United States in Resolution No. 632-00 and a
3 moratorium on executions in California in Resolution No. 116-00; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
5 urges Governor Schwarzenegger to grant Stanley "Tookie" Williams' request for clemency;
6 and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Governor
8 Schwarzenegger to effect a moratorium on executions while California's death penalty
9 procedures are reviewed and evaluated, by giving his full support to AB-1121, the "California
10 Moratorium on Executions Act."



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November 8, 2005 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi,
Peskin, Sandoval

Absent: 2 - Ammiano, Daly

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on November 8, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: November 18, 2005

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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