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Resolution opposing Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed elimination of the

[Opposing the Elimination of the State Department of Boating and Waterways]

California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW).

WHEREAS. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed the elimination of the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) in a government efficiency proposal dated January 16, 2009; and

WHEREAS. The proposal would merge DBW into the California Department of Parks and Recreation, which the Governor stated would result in a mere savings of \$600,000 per fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS. This initiative has been attempted before but was abolished when it was clear that the negative effect would greatly outweigh the cost savings; and,

WHEREAS, DBW is critical to boating in California and is completely self-funded by the boating public's resources; and,

WHEREAS, Diverting resources from DBW to a department with its own priorities separate and apart from boating robs the very community that funds DBW of vital support; and.

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has entered into an agreement with DBW for a loan totaling \$16.5 million through its Small Craft Harbor and Recreational Marina Loan Program for the renovation of the SF Marina West Harbor; and,

WHEREAS, DBW has made a commitment to appropriate millions in additional funding for the project and for the future renovation of the SF Marina East Harbor; and,

WHEREAS, Because DBW is completely self-funded by boater's dollars it does not rely on the State General Fund to pay for its programs, construction projects, staff or operating expenses; and,

WHEREAS, Elimination of DBW will not address the State's current financial problems and will not appropriately serve boaters who pay for DBW programs through focused user taxes; and,

WHEREAS, As DBW loans are paid back with interest, DBW is completely selfsustaining and does not impose a burden on the State's general budget; and,

WHEREAS, Recreational boating contributes approximately \$16.5 billion to the gross state product, which represents about 1.2 percent of the State's economy and generates about \$1.6 billion in state and local taxes; and,

WHEREAS, There are more than 8,500 recreational boating related businesses that create over 284,000 direct and indirect jobs; and,

WHEREAS, DBW's promotion of boating has a direct effect on California's future economic health; and,

WHEREAS, DBW's safety programs save lives through its aggressive safety outreach program, including direct financial support for law enforcement in counties with substantial boating, which is critical to saving lives on the water; and,

WHEREAS, DBW does an excellent job that has many direct and indirect financial and other benefits to the City and County of San Francisco and to the State, all without impacting the State's General Fund; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That City and County of San Francisco opposes the Governor's proposal to eliminate the California Department of Boating and Waterways.



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Resolution opposing Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed elimination of the California Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW).		
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F	Tile No. 090592	I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on May 19, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.
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		Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board
C	5–29⊢09 Date Approved	UNSIGNED Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: May 29, 2009

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