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[Supporting SB 729 - California Homeowner Protection Act]

Resolution supporting Senate Bill 729, "The California Homeowner Protection Act."

WHEREAS, Record levels of California homeowners continue to lose their homes to foreclosure and:

WHEREAS, Banks repossessed 709 San Francisco houses and condos through foreclosure in 2010, a 20 percent increase from 2009; and

WHEREAS. The federal government has only voluntary rules encouraging banks participating in its modification programs not to foreclose on homeowners negotiating a loan modification; and

WHEREAS, It is commonplace for banks to foreclose on a borrower who is negotiating a loan modification or successfully completing a temporary loan modification; and

WHEREAS, Evidence continues to show that lenders have proceeded with foreclosures using improper procedures, and fraudulent documents; and

WHEREAS, SB 729 would require lenders to give homeowners applying for a loan modification a yes or no answer on whether they qualify for a loan modification program offered by the lender before starting the formal foreclosure process; and

WHEREAS, A lender's failure to provide a yes or no answer before starting the foreclosure process would provide homeowners with limited legal recourse under narrow circumstances and under a one-year statute of limitations; and

WHEREAS, A lender would be given an opportunity to correct any errors before litigation can be commenced; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby supports SB 729; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to transmit fully-conformed copies of this resolution to the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senators Leno and Steinberg and the Governor of the State of California.



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## Resolution

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April 26, 2011 Board of Supervisors - CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

May 03, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/3/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

UNSIGNED

Mayor Edwin Lee

5/13/2011

**Date Approved** 

Date: May 13, 2011

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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