

1 [Supporting the first Annual “Know Your Rights” Event at Lick-Wilmerding High School]

2 **Resolution supporting the first annual “Know Your Rights” event at Lick-Wilmerding**  
3 **High School in San Francisco**

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5 WHEREAS, The Know Your Rights 2011 event will educate youth from all over the Bay  
6 Area about their constitutional rights when dealing with law enforcement; and,

7 WHEREAS, The event will take place on Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, January 17,  
8 2011 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM; and,

9 WHEREAS, Dr. King was a supporter of civic engagement and the event is a great way  
10 to commemorate his sacrifices and what he believed in; and,

11 WHEREAS, 41.9% of youth surveyed in public high schools said that they were  
12 interested in learning more about important issues; and,<sup>1</sup>

13 WHEREAS, The event will encourage civic engagement in the city of San Francisco  
14 through speakers, activities, and information sessions; and,

15 WHEREAS, The youth of San Francisco need an event like this so that they can be  
16 comfortable around law enforcement, thereby enabling more communication between law  
17 enforcement and the public; and,

18 WHEREAS, The number of juvenile arrest rates per 100,000 people in San Francisco  
19 is nearly two and half times that of the state of California; and,<sup>2</sup>

20 WHEREAS, Members of the Berkeley and Oakland Youth Commissions are also  
21 involved in the event and endorse it; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission endorses the aforementioned  
23 2011 Know Your Rights event to be held at Lick-Wilmerding High School.

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<sup>1</sup> Youth Vote 2009/2010.

<sup>2</sup> Criminal Justice Statistics Center.