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Supervisors," he says.

Some other ordinances and resolutions of note include the \$250 million Affordable Housing Bond that's Prop. B on the November ballot because of passage of Daly's Resolution 010839, which he says he worked on with board President Tom Ammiano and the San Francisco Organizing Project. It will be used to develop low-income housing and help low- to moderate-income first-time buyers with their down payment.

He also sponsored resolutions that endorsed the development of homeless shelters and housing strategies for homeless seniors. (020598). But he hasn't focused solely on elders; he also has introduced an ordinance (which has not passed yet) that would appropriate \$176,000 to help fund the Larkin Street Youth Center for the Homeless Youth Emergency Services Program. He sponsored a resolution to support state Assembly Bill 2972, which targets youth ages 18-24 for state-funded housing programs.

Daly sponsored a resolution that urges the Department of Human Services to develop a resource center for the homeless on Sixth Street, like the one in the Mission, which has shower facilities, phones, meals and more.

Daly's sleight of hand in the budget process helped keep low-paid laundry workers at Laguna Honda employed this fiscal year. He sponsored an ordinance that Ammiano, Matt Gonzalez, Jake McGoldrick, Gerardo Sandoval and Mark Leno co-sponsored that added about 25 cents to monthly telephone bills for most of San Francisco phone users. This helped raise the funds for the workers to stay included in the city's general fund.

Of Daly's resolutions and ordinances were passed by the supes, there are some general categories that repeat:

- 8 resolutions or ordinances that deal with environmental issues.
- 8 that deal with seniors.
- 12 with services for the poor and homeless;
- 5 deal with SRO and rental issues;
- 6 with affordable housing, not including four targeted at housing for the homeless;
- 11 had to do with children, youth and families, no which including three specific to schools.
- 10 total focused on minorities, women, LGBT and HIV and AIDS issues.

Daly proposed 22 hearings to discuss various budget issues for this fiscal year, but only four of those hearings were convened: Community Health Network, Department of Environment, Department of Human Services, and Department of Children, Youth and Families.

All of the supervisors sponsored many more resolutions than ordinances. Some resolutions sound downright silly – and are. But many that do, aren't.

Oct. 16 last year was Feral Cat Day, because Daly sponsored a resolution commending the "good works of the San Francisco Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and proclaiming Feral Cat Day in San Fran-

cisco." An official commendation of a community group's good works, such as the SPCA's efforts to deal with the problem of feral cats, means the SPCA "can then use [the resolution] in its fund-raising efforts and development," Daly says.

Swords to Plowshares, Habitat for Humanity, San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Asian and Pacific Islander Business and Information Services, Golden Gate Lutheran Church and its Drop-In Center, and University of California's Women's Health Center also have been among the recipients of Daly's commendations.

He has also sponsored resolutions commending the good works of individuals such as: Sister Bernie Galvin "for her lifelong advocacy of economic, religious and social justice"; Bill Sorro, for his "service as tenant and community advocate, rank and file trade union activist," and senior and tenant advocate Maurice Dopp. Of his 33 commendations, 15 were for individuals and more than half of those were for housing and homelessness activists.

In May, Daly sponsored a resolution that Leno, Gonzalez, Aaron Peskin and Sophie Maxwell co-sponsored, "urging" the Board of Directors of Hastings School of the Law not to build a parking garage in the Tenderloin, and instead erect a "community-supported mixed use development." This was one of many acts – including Daly's arrest at a Hastings protest – that helped bring down the garage proposal.

Behind the scenes, "pushing buttons and pulling levers" can also get the ball rolling. The recent groundbreaking to rebuild Bessie Carmichael Elementary School wasn't just an outgrowth of Daly's Resolution 010121, passed in February 2001, but an effort that included meetings with concerned community members, and helping to find funds (\$800,000) for the effort, he says.

Getting legislation passed can have a lasting impact on constituents, but sometimes getting the issue heard at all is a necessary first step, Daly says. And that can have impact, too.

"Other than just passing legislation, I'm also able to frame the debate on issues that have particular impact for people in District 6," Daly said. Although some of his more radical ideas may not make it all the way to the final stop, in the process of "pushing the envelope," says Daly, a modified version may get there, at least.

For instance, Daly says he takes a position to the left of Peskin and Maxwell on the Finance Committee. He says for the bay fill project that involves SFO runway expansion he has "staked out the radical position" to eliminate all special assistance to the expansion. Daly says Peskin was eventually able to use Daly's position to help pass a less extreme policy, but one that had an impact nonetheless. Kind of like a political version of good-cop, bad-cop with Daly playing the latter role.

While Daly concedes that supervisors who have been in City Hall longer may have more legislation on the books, he says that now that the class of 2001 knows the ropes, it will be fast catching up.

But they have to get re-elected first. ■

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