

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation -
2 Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman Park - \$20,000,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) to enter into an**
4 **agreement with the San Francisco Downtown Development Corporation (DDC)**
5 **regarding potential improvements and renovations at Embarcadero Plaza and Sue**
6 **Bierman Park; and to accept cash grants of approximately \$20,000,000 for the project,**
7 **for the period starting on the execution date of the agreement through December 2028;**
8 **and authorizing the RPD to enter into amendments or modifications to the agreement**
9 **provided they do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City and are**
10 **necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Project or this Resolution.**

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12 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department (RPD) operates and maintains
13 certain real property owned by the City that is commonly referred to as Embarcadero Plaza
14 and Sue Bierman Park (collectively, the “Park”), located on the western side along the
15 Embarcadero between Washington Street and Market Street, and seeks to activate the public
16 spaces it manages for the well-being of everyone in San Francisco’s diverse community; and

17 WHEREAS, RPD desires to transform the Park into a vibrant, 5-acre waterfront park,
18 by renovating the park to include a multi-purpose space for large and small gatherings and
19 pathways with landscaping and stormwater features to enhance accessibility and connectivity
20 and introducing improved picnic areas and shaded spaces to create a welcoming community
21 hub for San Franciscans and visitors (collectively, the “Project”); and

22 WHEREAS, In March 2025, RPD entered into a Grant Acceptance Agreement with San
23 Francisco’s Office of Economic and Workforce Development (“OEWD”); BXP Embarcadero
24 Plaza LP (“BXPE”); and Downtown Community Benefit District, a California nonprofit public
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1 benefit corporation dba Downtown San Francisco Partnership (“DSFP”), (the “March 2025
2 Agreement”) for the funding and development of the potential Project; and

3 WHEREAS, The DDC was founded in April 2025 with the purpose to revitalize the City
4 and County of San Francisco, including its downtown area, to ensure its residents and visitors
5 a safe, clean, dynamic, economically vibrant, and innovative place to live, work, play, and
6 conduct business and works in close coordination with the City of San Francisco and
7 business, labor, and civic leaders with the goal to transform downtown into a thriving
8 destination that drives economic growth and strengthens San Francisco’s cultural fabric; and

9 WHEREAS, Since the goals of the existing Embarcadero Partnership and the goals of
10 the DDC so closely aligned, the partners agreed to have the DDC join the Project partnership
11 and take the lead on fundraising; and

12 WHEREAS, The DDC has committed to working to secure a grant of up to \$20 million
13 in private funding for the project; and

14 WHEREAS, RPD has determined that no indirect costs will be charged to the Grant;
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16 WHEREAS, The specific terms and conditions of the grant and the partnership
17 between RPD and the DDC are outlined in an Agreement, a copy of which is on file with the
18 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. ____ and which is incorporated by reference
19 herein; and

20 WHEREAS, On May 21, 2026, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted
21 Resolution No. 2605-011 recommending that the Board of Supervisors authorize RPD to
22 accept and expend the Grant from the DDC and to approve the Agreement; now, therefore,
23 be it;

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and Park Department
25 to enter into the Agreement; and, be it

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes RPD to accept and
2 expend the grant from the DDC of up to \$20,000,000; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of
4 indirect costs in the grant budget; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the RPD General
6 Manager to enter into any modifications and amendments to the foregoing agreements
7 including to any of their exhibits, and authorizes the RPD General Manager to execute further
8 agreements related to the Grant, that the RPD General Manager determines, in consultation
9 with the City Attorney, may be in the best interests of the City and do not materially increase
10 the obligations or liabilities of the City, are necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes
11 of the Project or this Resolution, and are in compliance with all applicable laws, including the
12 City's Charter; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That within thirty (30) days of the agreement being fully
14 executed by all parties, the Recreation and Park Department shall provide the final contract to
15 the Clerk of the Board for inclusion into the official file.

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4 Sarah Madland

5 General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

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10 /s/ Sophia Kittler for _____

_____ /s/ Jocelyn Quintos for _____

11 Mayor Daniel Lurie

Greg Wagner, Controller

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