

1 [Support of Proposed Skate Park at Potrero del Sol Park.]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Skateboarding Task Force and the Recreation and Park**
4 **Department’s recommendation to build a skate park at the Potrero del Sol Park.**

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6 WHEREAS, There is a large demand for skate parks in the youth and young adult
7 community, and a report generated by Youth VOTE 2001 showed that 65% of the 2,800
8 students surveyed stated that they would go to a skate park if one were to be built in San
9 Francisco; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Skateboarding Task Force, (“Task Force”), created by the Board of
11 Supervisors in August 2002, is charged with providing policy recommendation and advising
12 the Board of Supervisors, the Recreation and Park Department, the Police Department, the
13 San Francisco Unified School District, and the Port of San Francisco regarding skateboarding
14 policies, issues and activities, and serving as the official advisory board on skateboarding
15 issues for the City and County of San Francisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Currently San Francisco has only one skateboarding facility comprised of
17 1,500 square feet and is located in the South-eastern quadrant of the City at McLaren Park;
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19 WHEREAS, Although there is no master-planning vision for citywide skateboarding
20 recreation, the Task Force has a preliminary vision for at least five facilities to be located in a
21 five-point star pattern for greater accessibility by all communities; and,

22 WHEREAS, As recommended by Recreation and Park Department staff, if a five-point-
23 star vision were applied in this planning process, the proposed location at Potrero del Sol Park
24 would help to establish a mid-eastern skateboarding park serving the Mission, Potrero Hill and
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1 Bernal Heights communities, and is defined by the Task Force as being “isolated, but still
2 accessible and centrally located”; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Task Force notes that the proposed site of about 15,000 square feet
4 offers greater opportunities for varied and more complex design than the existing site located
5 at McLaren Park; and,

6 WHEREAS, The proposed site is situated in the North Mission, part of District 9, and
7 has one of the highest population of children and youth in the City, along with Districts 10 and
8 11; and,

9 WHEREAS, Proximity to public transportation is key to developing a larger and more
10 diverse group of skateboard park users, and existing MUNI bus routes currently serve the
11 proposed site in all four directions; and,

12 WHEREAS, Through the creation of a fully supervised skateboarding facility, crime and
13 vagrancy that has been prevalent at this park will decrease substantially attributing to the
14 improvement of the safety and quality of life of skateboarders and residents; and,

15 WHEREAS, Because of much needed improvements to the pedestrian crossways
16 south of Potrero del Sol, it is being recommended that the southern entrance to the Park from
17 Potrero Avenue should remain gated and locked, along with the addition of caution signs
18 being placed in the area; and,

19 WHEREAS, Overall general community support has been garnered for the
20 establishment of a skateboarding park at the proposed site, including the Skateboarding Task
21 Force, the parents of Potrero del Sol Park, District 9 users of the Park, Recreation and Open
22 Space Advisory Committee, and the skateboarding community at Third Street and Cesar
23 Chavez Street as well as throughout San Francisco; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In April of 2003, the Skateboarding Task Force voted unanimously to
2 support the Recreation and Park Department's proposed skate park at the Potrero del Sol
3 Park; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does
5 hereby support and commend the efforts of the Skateboarding Task Force to take the time to
6 meet with its stakeholders in order to develop policy recommendations to City Departments
7 and the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby support the
9 collaborative efforts of the Skateboarding Task Force along with the Recreation and Park
10 Department to recommend the construction of a skate park at the Potrero del Sol Park; and,
11 be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the
13 Recreation and Park Commission to support the proposed capital improvements for Potrero
14 del Sol Park, including the construction of a skateboarding facility and to work with community
15 and City stakeholders in the design and institution of this facility.

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