

1 [Western Addition Branch Library Reopening]

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3 **Resolution Commemorating the Grand Re-Opening of the Western Addition Branch**
4 **Library and commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard**
5 **work and commitment to San Francisco and its residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond
8 measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for seventeen
9 branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, two
10 branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in
11 Mission Bay; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Western Addition Branch Library has been fully renovated and
13 expanded and will celebrate its grand re-opening on Saturday, February 2, 2008 at 1:00 pm;
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15 WHEREAS, This 1960's era gem is now seismically safe and fully accessible and has
16 been transformed into a state of the art library designed to serve the neighborhood for many
17 more decades to come; and,

18 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Bureau of Architecture took great care to preserve the
19 modernist characteristics of the single-story, ranch-style building while bringing the facility into
20 the 21st century in terms of seismic safety, energy conservation, accessibility to all users,
21 changes in library service, and greater visibility in the community; and,

22 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include a new entry with automatic front
23 doors, new teen area, improved main reading and children's areas, a new state-of-the-art
24 program room, an updated books and materials collection, new computers, free WiFi access
25 to the Internet, and a beautifully landscaped outside courtyard; and

1 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
2 renovation by providing Bookmobile service, making the Japanese Collection available at the
3 International Languages Collection/Presidio Branch Library, and with the help of
4 neighborhood agencies including Parents Place which hosted weekly Storytimes and the San
5 Francisco African American Historical and Cultural Society which housed the temporary
6 Western Addition Reading Center in the African American Art and Culture Complex; and

7 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
8 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Division of Project Management,
9 Bureau of Architecture and Bureau of Construction Management, CDX Builders, Library
10 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the Western
11 Addition community who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their
12 neighborhood's needs; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public
14 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,
15 members of the Western Addition community, and the entire team that made this project so
16 successful for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
18 celebration of the re-dedication of the Western Addition Branch Library on Saturday, February
19 2, 2008 at 1:00 pm at the branch, 1550 Scott Street.

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