

1 [Urging the National Parks Service to Abandon Efforts to Locate the Alcatraz Ferry
2 Embarkation Project - Fort Mason Piers]

3 **Resolution urging the National Parks Service to abandon plans stated in the Draft**
4 **Environmental Impact Statement for the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project to locate**
5 **Alcatraz Ferry Services at Fort Mason Piers; and to focus their efforts on working with**
6 **the Port of San Francisco.**

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8 WHEREAS, On February 18, 2015, the National Parks Service (NPS) issued a Draft
9 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project; and

10 WHEREAS, One of alternatives in the Draft EIS considers using Fort Mason Pier 3 as
11 an option for the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project; and

12 WHEREAS, According to the NPS, over 1.4 million people visit Alcatraz Island annually
13 from the existing ferry embarkation sites at Pier 31 and 33 in San Francisco’s Fisherman’s
14 Wharf; and

15 WHEREAS, Fisherman’s Wharf is a bustling commercial district with restaurants, gift
16 shops, over 3,000 hotel rooms and other tourist attractions well served by public and other
17 modes of transportation; and

18 WHEREAS, Contrast the Fisherman’s Wharf to Fort Mason in the Marina neighborhood
19 – a predominantly residential neighborhood with a population of roughly 23,000 residents, the
20 NPS is considering a drastically different landscape than what is currently in place; and

21 WHEREAS, Linking the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation Project service to the closest
22 possible proximity to Fisherman’s Wharf as noted in their Draft EIS to be Pier 31 ½ or Pier 41
23 will serve to continue the symbiotic relationship the district has enjoyed with the NPS for years
24 by providing a more convenient link for the end customer to hotels, restaurants, shops, mass
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1 transit, and parking facilities that drive volume to Alcatraz and make a well-rounded
2 experience for visitors; and

3 WHEREAS, Fort Mason pales in comparison to the public transportation options
4 offered at Fisherman’s Wharf – one of the City’s most popular tourist destinations; and

5 WHEREAS, If Fort Mason is selected as the best alternative site, this could mean an
6 addition of 1.5 million annually coming through the Marina Neighborhood, which would have
7 obvious impacts on the neighborhood; and

8 WHEREAS, Drastically altering a residential neighborhood and the businesses already
9 established at Fort Mason is rather bold, especially considering that the Fort Mason Center
10 and the Fort Mason Merchants group does not believe it is a feasible site alternative due to
11 the compatibility of use and the glaring absence of public transportation to the site; now,
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a
14 resolution in 2013 that urged the National Parks service to abandon Fort Mason as a possible
15 site alternative; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the
17 National Park Service to abandon plans stated in the recently released Draft Environmental
18 Impact Statement for the Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation project to locate Alcatraz Ferry Services
19 at Fort Mason Piers and to focus their efforts on working with the Port of San Francisco; and
20 be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges our local
22 Congressional leaders to give the City and County of San Francisco the ownership of the
23 Alcatraz Ferry Service contract and strip it away from the Golden Gate National Recreation
24 Area.

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