

1 [Accept and Expend Gift - Comfort Women Justice Coalition - Arts Commission - Maintenance
2 of the “*Comfort Women’s*” *Column of Strength* - Total Gift Value of \$208,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Arts Commission to accept and expend a**
4 **donation from the “Comfort Women” Justice Coalition of \$208,000 for the purpose of**
5 **maintaining the artwork titled the “*Comfort Women’s*” *Column of Strength* for a period**
6 **not less than 20 years.**

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8 WHEREAS, On September 22, 2015, the Board of Supervisors, passed a resolution
9 urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish a memorial for “Comfort Women”
10 and to educate the community about stopping global human trafficking of women and girls, a
11 copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 150764,
12 Resolution No. 354-15, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth
13 fully herein; and

14 WHEREAS, The “Comfort Women” Justice Coalition, a not for profit organization,
15 (Donor) commissioned the “*Comfort Women’s*” *Column of Strength* by Steven Whyte (“Artist”);
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17 WHEREAS, *The “Comfort Women’s” Column of Strength* was subsequently installed at
18 St. Mary’s Square Extension (Site) pursuant to the approval of the Arts Commission, the
19 agency responsible for approving the placement of artwork on city property under authority of
20 Charter, Sections 5.101 and 5.103; and

21 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Arts Commission also previously approved the Artist’s
22 design and the text on the identification plaque pursuant to Resolution Nos. 0109-17-012 and
23 0206-17-025, respectively, and agreed to accept the Artwork as a gift on behalf of the City
24 upon the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement between the Arts Commission and
25 the Donor dated August 3, 2017; and

1 WHEREAS, St. Mary's Square Extension is currently the property of the City and
2 County of San Francisco; and

3 WHEREAS, The Donor has raised \$208,000, an amount estimated by a qualified art
4 conservator in conjunction with the San Francisco Arts Commission as being adequate to
5 maintain the artwork (Maintenance Endowment) for a period of no less than 20 years; and

6 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission has entered into an agreement with the Artist
7 regarding their mutual rights and responsibilities related to the Artwork; now therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Arts Commission to accept and
9 expend the gift of the Maintenance Endowment to conserve and maintain the Artwork located
10 at the Site.

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Mayor Edwin Lee

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