[Urging Congress to Provide Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund]

Resolution urging Congress to provide funding for the Land and Water Conservation

Fund.

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by Congress in 1965 to preserve, develop and assure accessibility to quality outdoor recreation resources "to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States;" and

WHEREAS, the LWCF funds a federal land acquisition program and provides matching grants to states and localities for capital projects through the State Assistance program; and

WHEREAS, the LWCF State Assistance program has invested more than \$287,883,182 in California since 1965 and has funded local projects in San Francisco such as over \$1.6 million for McLaren Park since 1967 and most recently \$102,000 for the Visitacion Greenway Development Improvements and \$115,000 for Buena Vista Park, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, investments from the LWCF program support the creation of public parks in rural and urban communities throughout America, protect green space and local water supplies, guarantee outdoor recreation opportunities, spur economic development, create jobs and significantly aid national efforts to promote health, connect youth to nature and the outdoors, combat childhood obesity and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, the diversion of LWCF funding has severely limited state and local governments in their capacity to develop parks and open spaces and protect green space and local water supplies in light of rapidly increasing populations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco calls on Congress to provide full and dedicated funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to send a letter in support of the LWCF to President Obama, Jon Jarvis, Director of the National Park Service, Christine Lehnertz, Pacific West Regional Director of the National Park Service, Speaker John Boehner, Democratic Leader Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Republican Leader Senator Mitch McConnell, Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, and Congresswoman Jackie Speier.



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September 27, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar and

Wiener

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Absent: 1 - Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 9/27/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

RETURNED UNSIGNED

Mayor Edwin Lee

OCTOBER 7, 2011

Date Approved

Date: October 7, 2011

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

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