

1 [Affirming Support for SFUSD's Shared Schoolyards Program]

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3 **Resolution affirming the Board of Supervisors' support for San Francisco Unified**
4 **School District's (SFUSD's) Shared Schoolyards Program and urging the District to**
5 **explore partnerships that preserve public access to neighborhood schoolyards.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 2007, former Mayor Gavin Newsom and the San Francisco Unified
8 School District (SFUSD) signed a historic agreement called the SFUSD and City Partnership
9 for Achievement to build a coherent, comprehensive plan for collaboration; and

10 WHEREAS, SFUSD facilities are integral public spaces and assets that promote
11 neighborhood ownership, site awareness, shared accountability, and community uses; and

12 WHEREAS, The Shared Schoolyards Program ("Program") officially launched in 2007
13 to expand community access to playgrounds and recreational spaces by opening existing
14 schoolyards that were not actively being used on the weekends; and

15 WHEREAS, The Program model pioneered a multi-department, public-private
16 collaborative partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and non-
17 profit organizations to activate schoolyards and public play spaces; and

18 WHEREAS, The Mission of the Program is to provide safe and accessible spaces for
19 children and families to gather and play in San Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The Program has facilitated additional investment, public stewardship,
21 activation, and greening of SFUSD facilities; and

22 WHEREAS, By 2015, there were 51 active Shared Schoolyard sites, with private
23 funding covering the bulk of program costs; and

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1 WHEREAS, As recently as 2022, the SFUSD Facilities Department provided nearly 38
2 acres of open space across 45 sites for youth, families, and the people of San Francisco to
3 use and enjoy on weekends; and

4 WHEREAS, According to SFUSD's 2023 Facilities Master Plan, by the end of the
5 2024-2025 school year, the Program planned for a total of 61 schoolyards to provide more
6 accessible and safe spaces for children and families to play; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2025, SFUSD announced it will end the Program and public
8 access on July 1, 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, The loss of public access to Shared Schoolyard sites across the city
10 means neighborhood children, youth, and families will have reduced recreational opportunities
11 and open space within a walkable distance of their home; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board affirms its commitment to partner with SFUSD and
13 communities, further the Mission of the Shared Schoolyards Program, and ensure every child
14 in San Francisco has a place to play within walking distance; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the City and County of San Francisco
16 and SFUSD to explore partnership opportunities to continue the Program and help expand
17 access to underutilized public schoolyards and recreational spaces.

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