

1 [Urging the Recreation and Park Department and other City Departments to Develop a Long-
2 Term Plan to Re-Imagine Twin Peaks]

3 **Resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department, Municipal Transportation**
4 **Agency, Real Estate Division, and Public Works to work collaboratively on a long-term**
5 **Recovery and Revitalization Plan, involving immediate neighbors and community**
6 **stakeholders, to re-imagine Twin Peaks and identify resources to improve accessibility,**
7 **safety, cleanliness, environmental sustainability, and the ability to build upon a**
8 **welcoming environment for residents and tourists alike.**

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10 WHEREAS, Twin Peaks is an iconic part of San Francisco with lookouts offering
11 majestic, breathtaking views that is treasured by local residents and attracts hundreds of
12 visitors a year; and

13 WHEREAS, Twin Peaks is also part of 31 acres of natural area, serving as habitat to
14 local flora and fauna, including the Mission Blue Butterfly, a federally listed endangered
15 species; and

16 WHEREAS, The open space includes trail networks offering 360-views and the ability
17 to traverse between Islais Creek and Twin Peaks through the aptly named “Creeks to Peaks”
18 Trail; and

19 WHEREAS, In recent years, the Department of Recreation and Parks and San
20 Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) invested in capital projects to improve
21 on connectivity and access, such as the Twin Peaks Trail Renovation Project and in 2016
22 through 2020, the Figure 8 Redesign Project; and

23 WHEREAS, In March 2020, the Twin Peaks Boulevard was closed during the Shelter-
24 in-Place order allowing only visitors on foot or bike, however, due to growing complaints of
25 vandalism, litter, and loitering impacting neighborhoods, SFMTA worked with the Recreation

1 and Parks Department and the Police Department to develop a new proposal to address
2 some of these concerns; and

3 WHEREAS, Due to being a popular location, Twin Peaks and its neighboring
4 communities are often targeted for property crime and thefts; and was the location of tragic,
5 fatal shootings in 2016 and 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of San Francisco overwhelmingly supported
7 the Health and Recovery Bond, which included investments in parks, open space, nature
8 restoration; and

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Economic Recovery Task Force Final Report
10 published in October 2020 also recommends maximizing and optimizing the use of public
11 space to not only provide equitable access to recreation areas, but to also to aid in the city's
12 economic recovery by partnering with small businesses, the tourism industry, and arts and
13 cultural organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, While there have been prior visioning exercises over the past several
15 years, there has not been focused attention on developing ideas and improvements to
16 transform the tourist destination into a place that is safe, welcoming, clean, and a source of
17 local pride; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Department of
19 Recreation and Parks to work in collaboration with SFMTA, Real Estate Division, Public
20 Works, and other Departments on determining a long-term Recovery and Revitalization plan
21 and design to bring investments to Twin Peaks that will offer more resources and amenities
22 enhancing the experience by improving accessibility, safety, cleanliness, environmental
23 stewardship, and the ability to build upon a welcoming environment for this internationally
24 recognized destination; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the Departments to
2 think creatively by enlisting the support of the tourism industry, the small business community,
3 the design and architectural community, and arts and cultural institutions to develop a broad
4 re-imagining of the potential future design and use of space in Twin Peaks; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also urges the aforementioned
6 Departments to engage with immediate neighbors and community members in a collaborative
7 visioning and design process to address the safety and maintenance concerns of Twin Peaks
8 and to ensure that it is a place to be celebrated; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Departments
10 to work with State and Federal agencies on identifying resources and partnerships for
11 improvements; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Department of
13 Recreation and Parks and SFMTA to provide a written response to this Resolution providing a
14 timeline for initiating this plan.

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