

1 [Preserve and Expand Summer Programming]

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3 **Resolution supporting efforts to preserve and expand summer programming and urging**  
4 **City departments and the San Francisco Unified School District to identify ways to keep**  
5 **school buildings open for community-based organizations' usage.**

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7 WHEREAS, Summer school provides meaningful academic support and enhancement  
8 to many San Francisco children for four hours a day for five weeks of the summer; and,

9 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Unified School District was required to cut summer  
10 school for elementary students and close buildings not used by San Francisco Unified  
11 School District due to budget cuts; and,

12 WHEREAS, The cutting of summer school impacts up to 5,000 six to thirteen year olds  
13 based on summer school participation during the academic year of 2001 - 2002; and,

14 WHEREAS, The City Services Committee of the Board of Supervisors held a hearing  
15 regarding the cutting of elementary summer school and closure of school buildings not used by  
16 the San Francisco Unified School District; and,

17 WHEREAS, The City Services Committee hearing uncovered that the closure of school  
18 buildings would significantly impact summer programming provided by community-based  
19 organizations housed in San Francisco Unified School District buildings; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the San Francisco  
21 Unified School District, and the Department of Recreation and Park have been meeting to  
22 manage waitlist issues and over-subscription of after-school programs; and,

23 WHEREAS, Once the closure of summer schools was announced, the City Services  
24 Committee, the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the Department of  
25 Recreation and Park, the San Francisco Unified School District and community-based

1 organizations began working on ways to alleviate the impact that summer school closures  
2 would have on San Francisco families; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families released an online  
4 survey to over 200 community-based organizations on April 3<sup>rd</sup> requesting information from  
5 organizations on their capacity to serve additional six to thirteen year olds, obstacles to  
6 increasing capacity given space limitations and staffing constraints, and reliance on San  
7 Francisco Unified School District space; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families held two public  
9 meetings with community-based organizations on April 17 and April 21 in order to understand  
10 the number and location of public school buildings used for summer school programming,  
11 ability to expand summer programming if public school building space existed, alternatives to  
12 public school building space and possible neighborhood collaborations; and,

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families estimates that  
14 without school building access 20 non-profit organizations will lose their programming,  
15 correlating to a loss of over 3,119 full day summer programming slots; and,

16 WHEREAS, If building space was provided, the programs could increase their capacity  
17 without additional funds by 650 slots; and,

18 WHEREAS, The City Services Committee held a hearing on April 24 to share the  
19 findings of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families Department of Recreation  
20 and Park and the San Francisco Unified School District's efforts and to coordinate additional  
21 strategies necessary to provide sufficient summer programming for San Francisco families;  
22 and,

23 WHEREAS, At the City Services Committee hearing, the Department of Recreation and  
24 Park announced expansion of its Summer Day Camp program in order to meet the needs of  
25 San Francisco families; and,

1           WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families agreed to provide  
2 the Department of Recreation and Park an additional \$130,000 from the Children’s Fund to  
3 support further expansion of the Department’s Latchkey Program; and,

4           WHEREAS, The Honorable Mayor Willie L. Brown agreed to participate in a formal  
5 letter to business leaders and foundations to raise funds for expansion of summer  
6 programming and maintenance of school building hours for community-based organizations;  
7 and,

8           WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families agreed to earmark  
9 \$280,000 of the Children’s Fund towards expansion of summer programming; and,

10          WHEREAS, The Department of Children, Youth and Their Families agreed to meet with  
11 the San Francisco Unified School District in order to examine the possibilities of opening  
12 school buildings in key neighborhoods to ensure sufficient quality summer programming; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
15 supports efforts to preserve and expand summer programming and urges City departments  
16 and the San Francisco Unified School District to identify ways to keep school buildings open  
17 for community-based organizations’ usage; and, be it

18          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
19 Francisco commends the work of the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, the  
20 Department of Recreation and Park, the San Francisco Unified School District, and  
21 community-based organizations for their vital role in providing high quality summer  
22 programming for thousands of San Francisco children.

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