

1 [Koshland Park--Gift-in-Place.]

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3 **Resolution accepting a gift in place valued at approximately \$200,000 from the Friends**  
4 **of Recreation and Parks, a non-profit organization, to the Recreation and Park**  
5 **Department for Koshland Park.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 1973, members of the Koshland Family purchased land in the multi-  
8 cultural Hayes Valley neighborhood to create a new park and needed open space for families  
9 living nearby and in adjacent public housing; and,

10 WHEREAS, Members of the Koshland Family contributed funds for design and  
11 construction of the original park, and then donated the park to the City and County of San  
12 Francisco as a tribute to their father. It was named the Daniel E. Koshland, Sr., Community  
13 Park; and,

14 WHEREAS, In the 1990's, Koshland Park fell into disrepair and misuse suffering from  
15 active drug dealing and drug use, prostitution and vandalism. The park became progressively  
16 more unsafe for children, adults and maintenance workers. All of this contributed to its  
17 eventual decline; and,

18 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1993, community leaders began the process of community  
19 organizing to reclaim the park for its intended use. With cooperation, advocacy and  
20 extraordinary effort on the part of the park's neighbors, the Northern Police Station, the John  
21 Muir Elementary School, the Zen Center and others, the situation improved dramatically; and,

22 WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors accepted a donation of \$400,000 from the  
23 Koshland Family for the renovation of Daniel E. Koshland, Sr., Park and in support of the  
24 community's efforts as Resolution Number 1098-97, December 15, 1997; and,

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1           WHEREAS, The Koshland Family, through the Friends of Recreation and Parks, a non-  
2 profit organization, is proposing a gift-in-place of a security fence and ornamental fence around  
3 the play area and community garden; and,

4           WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission recommends to the Board of  
5 Supervisors to accept and expend the Gift-In-Place as Resolution Number 0004-049, April 20,  
6 2000; now, therefore, be it

7           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the General Manager of the  
8 Recreation and Park Department to accept the gift-in-place valued at approximately \$200,000  
9 from the Koshland Family for Koshland Park.

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