

1 [Urging Recreation and Parks Department to work more closely with neighborhood groups.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Recreation and Parks Department to work more closely with**
4 **neighborhood groups.**

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6 WHEREAS, Public input at the July 11th Hearing of the Neighborhood Services and
7 Recreation Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors demonstrated that the
8 Recreation and Parks Department, and particularly the Natural Areas Program, have not
9 communicated fully with some neighborhood and park groups seeking park access and
10 recreational opportunities other than those intended by the Natural Areas Program; and

11 WHEREAS, the parks are a shared resource for all the people of the City and County
12 of San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the Recreation and Parks Department to listen to
14 and be responsive to the concerns and interests of San Francisco park users; and

15 WHEREAS, The actions of the Natural Areas Program staff have at times run counter
16 to public input, and to mandated Recreation and Parks public policy; and

17 WHEREAS, The actions of the Natural Areas Program have resulted in a loss of
18 confidence in the interest and objectivity of the Recreation and Parks Department towards the
19 stated concerns of neighborhood, parks and interest groups; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urge the Recreation and
21 Parks Department to seek actively to restore the confidence of neighborhood and park
22 groups by working closely with, listening to, meeting with, and responding to such groups in
23 relation to their interests and concerns; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Recreation and Parks Department make its own
25 planning and process more transparent by scanning and placing online the latest version of

1 its commissioned report from EIP Associates, "Significant Natural Resources Areas
2 Management Plan," so that interested neighborhood and park groups and individuals have
3 access to the information and advice being advanced to the Recreation and Parks
4 Department concerning the implementation of the Natural Areas Program.

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