

1 [Endorsing the "Save the Quail" campaign]

2 URGING THE RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC  
3 UTILITIES COMMISSION, AND OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS TO GIVE THE  
4 UTMOST COOPERATION AND SUPPORT TO THE "SAVE THE QUAIL  
5 CAMPAIGN" WITHOUT KILLING OTHER ANIMALS; AND DESIGNATING THE  
6 CALIFORNIA QUAIL AS THE OFFICIAL BIRD OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
7 SAN FRANCISCO

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9 WHEREAS, The quail is native to San Francisco, its current population being  
10 descended from the quail that were here before European contact; and,

11 WHEREAS, The California Quail is significant to our cultural history as well as  
12 our natural heritage, as quail were an important food source to the Ohlone people and to  
13 the early settlers; and,

14 WHEREAS, Recent quail counts in parks across San Francisco reveal a major  
15 city-wide decline over the past 150 years; and,

16 WHEREAS, In Golden Gate Park there has been a fifty percent decline in the  
17 quail population since 1998 and a drop in numbers from 1500 birds in 1900 to 12 birds in  
18 February 2000; and,

19 WHEREAS, Quail no longer reside at Lincoln Park, Lake Merced and Harding  
20 Park, Stern Grove and Pine Lake Park, and presumably other areas, where they were once  
21 numerous; and,

22 WHEREAS, The California quail is in danger of being extirpated from San  
23 Francisco County due to continued loss of suitable and sustainable habitat and the  
24 introduction of invasive non-native plants, and if extirpated will not re-populate on their  
25 own; and,

1           WHEREAS, The Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco emphasizes  
2 that protecting our city's biodiversity is essential to the ecological health of the  
3 ecosystems found here, and includes the following goals: "To protect and restore remnant  
4 natural ecosystems" and to protect sensitive species and their habitats and support their  
5 recovery in San Francisco"; and,

6           WHEREAS, the Golden Gate Audubon Society has developed a program called  
7 the "Save the Quail Campaign" to increase quail populations in appropriate open spaces  
8 throughout the City through hands-on habitat enhancement stewardship for residents of  
9 all ages and cultures; now, therefore be it

10          RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of the City and  
11 County of San Francisco endorses the "Save the Quail Campaign" and urges the  
12 Recreation and Park Department, the Public Utilities Commission, and other city  
13 departments to give the utmost cooperation and support to the "Save the Quail  
14 Campaign" without killing other animals; and, be it

15          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
16 of San Francisco designate the California Quail as the Official Bird of the City and  
17 County of San Francisco; and, be it

18          FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of  
19 San Francisco urges the Recreation and Park Department to allocate ~~sufficient~~ funds to  
20 the Significant Natural Resource Areas Management Program for the development and  
21 implementation of a quail recovery and management plan; and, be it

22          FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of  
23 San Francisco urges the Audubon Society, SPCA, and other interested parties to work  
24 together to produce a plan to save the quail.  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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## Tails

### Resolution

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**File Number:** 001215

**Date Passed:**

Resolution urging the Recreation and Park Department, the Public Utilities Commission, and other City Departments to give the utmost cooperation and support to the "Save the Quail Campaign" without killing other animals, and designating the California Quail as the official bird of the City and County of San Francisco.

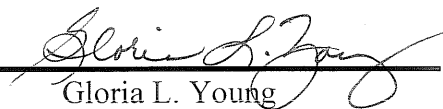
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July 10, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on July 10, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.