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4 **Francisco and congratulating Laura Spanjian for her service and dedication to the City**
5 **and County of San Francisco.**

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7 WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian was born in the San Francisco Bay Area and has lived in
8 San Francisco since 1995; and

9 WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian has been incredibly accomplished since moving to San
10 Francisco; working for the City and County of San Francisco in important capacities,
11 volunteering for non-profit organizations and leading political campaigns; and

12 WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s achievements, legendary work ethic, commitment to
13 public and community service and passion for a better San Francisco are widely admired; and

14 WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s unparalleled commitment to LGBT equality is reflected
15 by service on the Boards of the National Gay and the Lesbian Victory Fund and Equality
16 California (EQCA), as past Co-Chair for the Alice B Toklas LGBT Democratic Club and Co-
17 Chair of Community United Against Violence (CUAV); and

18 WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s dedication to improving her neighborhood is evident
19 through her work as Rebuild Co-chair for the Harvey Milk / Eureka Valley Library and on the
20 steering committee for the Upper Noe Recreation Center renovation; and

21 WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s career with the City and County of San Francisco began
22 in 1995 when she served as a legislative aide to Supervisor Leslie Katz; and

23 WHEREAS, As a legislative aide, Laura secured attention and resources for homeless
24 LGBT youth, ensured successful implementation of the Equal Benefits Ordinance, and
25 expanded facilities to encourage bicycling to work; and

1 WHEREAS, Laura then worked at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation
2 Agency, during an era of significant growth and modernization, creating greater
3 autonomy for Muni governance, establishing the Castro Shuttle in the Muni
4 underground, and expanding Muni's clean-fuel and hybrid bus portfolio; and

5 WHEREAS, Beginning in 2004, Laura joined then General Manager Susan Leal
6 at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) managing 40 people and a
7 budget of \$6 million; and

8 WHEREAS, At the SFPUC, Laura was instrumental in dozens of major environmental
9 initiatives including the GoSolarSF program, landmark water conservation legislation, and
10 SFGreasecycle, a program that turns restaurant grease into biofuel continuing her work with
11 current General Manager Ed Harrington; and

12 WHEREAS, After fifteen accomplished years working for the City and County of San
13 Francisco and its civic and political communities, Laura has accepted new Mayor Anise
14 Parker's invitation to join her Administration as Houston's Director of Sustainability; and

15 WHEREAS, Laura's energy, enthusiasm, creativity, talent and ability to laugh will be
16 missed by those she interacted with, mentored and worked with; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors extends her the best wishes
18 for her continued professional success and personal happiness; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares April 6,
20 2010 as Laura Spanjian Day in the City and County of San Francisco.