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RESOLUTION NO.

1	[Affirming Support for SFUSD's Shared Schoolyards Program]
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3	Resolution affirming the Board of Supervisors' support for San Francisco Unified
4	School District's (SFUSD's) Shared Schoolyards Program and urging the District to
5	explore partnerships that preserve public access to neighborhood schoolyards.
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7	WHEREAS, In 2007, former Mayor Gavin Newsom and the San Francisco Unified
8	School District (SFUSD) signed a historic agreement called the SFUSD and City Partnership
9	for Achievement to build a coherent, comprehensive plan for collaboration; and
10	WHEREAS, SFUSD facilities are integral public spaces and assets that promote
11	neighborhood ownership, site awareness, shared accountability, and community uses; and
12	WHEREAS, The Shared Schoolyards Program ("Program") officially launched in 2007
13	to expand community access to playgrounds and recreational spaces by opening existing
14	schoolyards that were not actively being used on the weekends; and
15	WHEREAS, The Program model pioneered a multi-department, public-private
16	collaborative partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and non-
17	profit organizations to activate schoolyards and public play spaces; and
18	WHEREAS, The Mission of the Program is to provide safe and accessible spaces for
19	children and families to gather and play in San Francisco; and
20	WHEREAS, The Program has facilitated additional investment, public stewardship,
21	activation, and greening of SFUSD facilities; and
22	WHEREAS, By 2015, there were 51 active Shared Schoolyard sites, with private
23	funding covering the bulk of program costs; and
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1	WHEREAS, As recently as 2022, the SFUSD Facilities Department provided nearly 38
2	acres of open space across 45 sites for youth, families, and the people of San Francisco to
3	use and enjoy on weekends; and
4	WHEREAS, According to SFUSD's 2023 Facilities Master Plan, by the end of the
5	2024-2025 school year, the Program planned for a total of 61 schoolyards to provide more
6	accessible and safe spaces for children and families to play; and
7	WHEREAS, On June 11, 2025, SFUSD announced it will end the Program and public
8	access on July 1, 2025; and
9	WHEREAS, The loss of public access to Shared Schoolyard sites across the city
10	means neighborhood children, youth, and families will have reduced recreational opportunities
11	and open space within a walkable distance of their home; now, therefore, be it
12	RESOLVED, That the Board affirms its commitment to partner with SFUSD and
13	communities, further the Mission of the Shared Schoolyards Program, and ensure every child
14	in San Francisco has a place to play within walking distance; and, be it
15	FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the City and County of San Francisco
16	and SFUSD to explore partnership opportunities to continue the Program and help expand
17	access to underutilized public schoolyards and recreational spaces.
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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Resolution affirming the San Francisco Board of Supervisor's support for San Francisco Unified School District's Shared Schoolyards Program and urging the District to explore partnerships that preserve public access to neighborhood schoolyards.					

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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