

1 [Page Street Garden]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners to not sell the**
4 **community garden on Page Street between Buchanan and Webster, but rather to**
5 **ensure that it remains as green space.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Page Street Garden is located on Page Street between Buchanan
8 and Webster; and

9 WHEREAS, The Page Street Garden was donated to the San Francisco League of
10 Urban Gardeners by the San Francisco Zen Center over a decade ago, with the intention that
11 it remain as a garden; and,

12 WHEREAS, Since the donation of the property to SLUG, it has been maintained by
13 them and by gardeners from the community who grow plants on plots of land within the
14 garden, and,

15 WHEREAS, Children who are students at John Muir Elementary School, which is
16 adjacent to the Garden, work to maintain one of the plots in the Garden, which helps to
17 increase their knowledge, interest and awareness of the environment and the neighborhood;
18 and,

19 WHEREAS, The deed for the Page Street Garden contains no restrictions prohibiting
20 other uses; and,

21 WHEREAS, Development of the property for other uses would result in a permanent
22 loss of already scarce open space; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Open Space Component of the San Francisco Master
24 Plan Policy 2.12 is titled "Expand community garden opportunities throughout the City" and
25 states that "Community gardens are a valuable use of open space in dense urban areas. They

1 improve the quality of life in the city by revitalizing neighborhoods, and stimulating social
2 interaction and neighborhood cooperation. In addition they provide opportunities for recreation
3 and exercise for those who work in the gardens, provide visual interest to the general public”;
4 and,

5 WHEREAS, Policy 2.12 also states that “The City should also investigate opportunities
6 to preserve existing gardens, in order to maximize the opportunity for San Franciscans to use,
7 enjoy, and benefit from community gardens”; and,

8 WHEREAS, The San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners receives a significant
9 amount of funding from the City and County of San Francisco through contracts, including a
10 \$229,160 contract with the Mayor’s Office of Community Development for the current fiscal
11 year; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors urges the San Francisco
13 League of Urban Gardeners to retain the current use of the Page Street land as a community
14 garden; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That in accordance with the policy that the City should
16 investigate opportunities to preserve existing gardens, that the Board of Supervisors urges the
17 Department of Recreation and Parks to investigate acquisition of the Page Street Garden.

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