

1 [Lafayette Park Grand Reopening]

2

3 **Resolution recognizing the grand reopening of the Lafayette Park and commending the**
4 **Recreation and Park Department, Department of Public Works, Friends of Lafayette**
5 **Park, and the entire project team, for their hard work and commitment to San**
6 **Francisco's parks and its residents.**

7

8 WHEREAS, Originally constructed and opened to the public in 1936 with support from
9 the Work Progress Administration, Lafayette Park is an 11.5-acre multi-use recreation area
10 bounded by Laguna, Sacramento, Gough, and Washington Streets, rich with a history that
11 spans back to the 1860s that hosted a myriad of owners over time, including former City
12 Attorney Samuel Holladay, University of California professor George Davidson, real estate
13 mogul Louis Lurie, and condominium developer Alexander Wilson; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2008, as part of the \$185 million Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks
15 Bond, the voters of San Francisco allocated over \$10 million to Lafayette Park to upgrade and
16 improve this community treasure in of the city's most densely populated neighborhoods with
17 children and families; and

18 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department in partnership with the Department
19 of Public Works, the San Francisco Parks Alliance, and the Friends of Lafayette Park
20 facilitated a strong community design process that respected the historical value the park
21 holds to the neighbors and includes a total renovation of the tennis courts, restoration of
22 existing pathways, replacement of the irrigation and drainage system, increased lighting, new
23 and expanded landscaping utilizing drought tolerant plants, picnic area, improved off-leash
24 dog play area, and ADA accessible upgrades to the restroom; and

25

1 WHEREAS, In addition to these other park improvements, with the help and generous
2 grant of more than \$450,000 from the Friends of Lafayette Park and with funding from the
3 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond, the project team used the one-of-a-kind
4 concept design from Miller Company Landscape Architects to reinvent the playground into a
5 revolutionary play space for all kids and generations to come; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco celebrates the grand
7 reopening of Lafayette Park on June 8th, 2013; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the
9 San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the Department of Public Works, the Friends
10 of Lafayette Park, the San Francisco Parks Alliance, the Pacific Heights Residents
11 Association, Bauman Landscape Construction, the Miller Company Landscape Architects,
12 and the entire project team that made this project so successful for their dedication and hard
13 work to preserving and improving open space in San Francisco and to contributing to make
14 our city home to the best urban park system in the country.