

1 [New Portola Branch Library groundbreaking]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Portola Branch**  
4 **Library and commending the San Francisco Public Library and its team for their hard**  
5 **work and commitment to San Francisco and its residents.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP), funded by the bond  
8 measure passed in November 2000 by the voters of San Francisco, calls for seventeen  
9 branches to be renovated, four leased facilities to be replaced with City-owned buildings, two  
10 branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in  
11 Mission Bay. and

12 WHEREAS, The Portola Branch Library has been located in leased storefront spaces  
13 on San Bruno Avenue for more than 50 years.; and,

14 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library purchased a corner of the Martin Luther  
15 King, Jr. Middle School grounds, across from E.R. Taylor Elementary School, at Goettingen &  
16 Bacon to build a new 6,300 square foot branch library; and

17 WHEREAS, Highlights of the new library design include a prominent reading area, an  
18 expanded children’s section, a designated teen area, a program room with after-hours access  
19 for community meetings, more functional staff spaces, a small garden, wireless access to the  
20 internet, and room for more books, CDs, videos, DVDs & other materials; and,

21 WHEREAS, The new branch is designed by the architecture team of Noll & Tam and  
22 Stoner Meek and will be constructed by CLW Builders, Inc.; and,

23 WHEREAS, The planning for the new branch has been a team effort between the San  
24 Francisco Public Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works Division of  
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1 Project Management and Bureau of Construction Management, Library Commissioners,  
2 Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and members of the Portola community who are  
3 raising funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood's needs; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public  
6 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,  
7 members of the Portola community, and the entire team for their dedication and hard work;  
8 and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the  
10 celebration and groundbreaking ceremony for the new Portola Branch Library on Tuesday,  
11 July 17, 2007 at 11:30 am at the corner of Bacon & Goettingen Streets.

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