

1 [Potrero Branch Library Reopening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the Grand Reopening of the Potrero Branch Library and**
4 **commending the San Francisco Public Library, residents of the Potrero, the**
5 **Department of Public Works and their team for their hard work and commitment to San**
6 **Francisco and its residents.**

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

13 WHEREAS, The fourteenth completed BLIP library project, the Potrero Branch Library,
14 has been fully renovated and will celebrate its grand reopening on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at
15 1:00 pm; and,

16 WHEREAS, Originally built in 1951, this community gathering place is now 33% larger,
17 seismically safe, and fully accessible and has been transformed into a state of the art library
18 designed to serve the neighborhood for many more decades to come; and,

19 WHEREAS, Highlights of the renovation include an expanded upper level,
20 spectacular views of the City skyline, new accessible restrooms, seismic upgrading,
21 technological updating, a separate Teen Area, Children’s Area with a Play-to-Learn
22 interactive wall, new furnishings, sustainable energy features, a public art sculpture, new
23 elevator and staircase, an updated books and materials collection, and a Program Room with
24 built-in media equipment for library programs and after-hours access for community use; and,
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1 WHEREAS, The library continued to serve the community during the branch
2 renovation with the help of St. Teresa Avila Church, which allowed Potrero Branch the use of
3 their community room for weekly children’s storytimes, by providing Bookmobile service in
4 front of the Jackson Recreation Center, and by participating in the Potrero Hill Convenor's
5 group, the Potrero Hill Archives Digitization Project and the Rebuild Potrero Project; and,

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7 WHEREAS, The renovation has been a team effort between the San Francisco Public
8 Library staff and administrators, Department of Public Works’ Project Management Bureau,
9 Bureau of Architecture and Bureau of Construction Management, CLW Builders, Inc., Library
10 Commissioners, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, and many members of the
11 community who raised funds and helped design the branch to suit their neighborhood’s
12 needs; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Public
14 Library, the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, the Department of Public Works,
15 members of the Potrero neighborhood, and the entire team that made this project so
16 successful for their dedication and hard work; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors invites the public to join the
18 Grand Reopening celebration of the Potrero Branch Library on Saturday, March 6, 2010 at
19 1:00 pm at the branch, located at 1616 20th Street, near Connecticut Street.