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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Re: File No. 250517

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

I write to affirm the Treasure Island Development Authority's (TIDA) support of the recently introduced ordinance to amend the San Francisco Park Code (File No. 250517), specifically the proposed amendment applying the Park Code to parks on Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands under management of the Recreation and Parks Department (RPD).

At its January 8, 2025 meeting, the TIDA Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 25-01-0108 supporting this Parks Code amendment and urging the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to consider and approve the proposed ordinance. A copy of that resolution is attached to this letter.

Under the proposed amendment, Articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of the Park Code will apply to parks and open space on Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands that are designated by the Treasure Island Development Authority for public recreational use. RPD and TIDA are entering into a Memorandum of Agreement for RPD to begin management of the Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island (TI/YBI) Parks System on July 1, 2026. Applying the Park Code to the TI/YBI Parks will align use regulations for these parks with all parks under RPD management.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions on this topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Beck", written over a light blue circular stamp.

Robert Beck
Treasure Island Director

Cc: File
San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department

Attachment

FILE NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01-0108

[Park Code - Application of Park Code to Properties Operated and Managed by the Recreation and Park Department]

Resolution recommending to the Board of Supervisors approval of a draft ordinance amending the San Francisco Park Code to apply the Park Code to Properties Operated and Managed by the Recreation and Park Department.

WHEREAS, Former Naval Station Treasure Island (the "Base" or "Treasure Island") is a former military base located in the City and County of San Francisco (the "City") consisting of approximately 550 acres on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island; and

WHEREAS, The Base was selected for closure and disposition by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission in 1993, acting under Public Law 101-510, and its subsequent amendments, and the Base ceased operations in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Under the Treasure Island Conversion Act of 1997 (AB 699), which amended Section 33492.5 of the California Health and Safety Code and added Section 2.1 to Chapter 1333 of the Statutes of 1968, the State Legislature (i) granted to the Board of Supervisors the authority to designate the Treasure Island Development Authority ("TIDA") as a redevelopment agency under California Community Redevelopment Law with authority over the Base; and (ii) with respect to those portions of the Base that are subject to the public trust for commerce, navigation and fisheries (the "Public Trust"), vested in TIDA the authority to administer the Public Trust as to such property; and

WHEREAS, On April 21, 2011, the TIDA Board of Directors unanimously made certain environmental findings under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and approved a package of legislation in furtherance of the development project (the "Project"), including a disposition and development agreement (the "DDA") with TICD; and

WHEREAS, On June 7, 2011, the Board of Supervisors unanimously confirmed certification of the final environmental impact report and made certain environmental findings

1 under CEQA (collectively, the “FEIR”) by Resolution No. 246-11 and approved a package of
2 legislation in furtherance of the Project; and

3 WHEREAS, The DDA included as an exhibit the Parks and Open Space Plan
4 obligating the construction and delivery to TIDA ownership of a world-class series of parks
5 and open spaces across both Islands (heretofore referred to collectively as the “TI/YBI Parks
6 System”); and

7 WHEREAS, To ensure TI/YBI Parks System is used and enjoyed by the broadest
8 possible cross-section of the public, clear rules guiding the use of these spaces is essential to
9 TIDA in ensuring responsible and efficient long-term management of the spaces; and

10 WHEREAS, A rules structure for the TI/YBI Parks System assures facilities and natural
11 resources are protected, spaces are safe and secure, use and access is fair and equitable,
12 and that responsible and considerate behavior by the public is encouraged; and

13 WHEREAS, A rules structure for the TI/YBI Parks System also assures effective
14 management of the spaces by TIDA and City staff in establishing and maintaining a clean,
15 welcoming and safe environment for all visitors and in hosting special events and organized
16 activities in the spaces; and

17 WHEREAS, The TI/YBI Parks System must be governed under the structure of the
18 Municipal Code of the City and County of San Francisco; and

19 WHEREAS, Within the Municipal Code, the San Francisco Park Code establishes
20 appropriate and reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on conduct and activities on
21 public parks, open spaces and recreational facilities under the Code’s jurisdiction; and

22 WHEREAS, In order to meet its responsibilities to assure the TI/YBI Parks System is
23 safe, equitable, welcoming and clean within the larger construct of the San Francisco
24 Municipal Code, TIDA has determined that applying the San Francisco Park Code to the
25 TI/YIB Parks System is the most efficient and consistent course of action; and

1 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department intends to introduce
2 an ordinance to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors amending the Park Code to, among
3 other things, allow the Park Code to apply to properties that RPD operates under a lease,
4 memorandum of understanding, or similar agreement, and to add new properties where the
5 Park Code applies, including to potential operations on Treasure and Yerba Buena Islands;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Extending the Park Code to the TI/YBI Parks System does not transfer the
8 current or future spaces jurisdiction to the Recreation and Park Commission, and these on-
9 Island properties remain outside the formal "park" designation within the meaning of the San
10 Francisco Charter; and

11 WHEREAS, The proposed amendments to the Park Code within the ordinance
12 ensure consistent rules for public safety, park operations, and recreational use across
13 Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island parks, allows TIDA and City Staff to manage the
14 TI/YBI Park System spaces effectively without altering jurisdiction or ownership, includes clear
15 safeguards to address neighborhood concerns and operational needs; and

16 WHEREAS, The draft ordinance has been reviewed by the Planning Department for
17 review under the California Environmental Quality Act; and has been determined to
18 be _____;

19 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the TIDA Board of Directors does hereby
20 recommend approval with modifications the attached draft ordinance amending the San
21 Francisco Park Code so that the Park Code applies to newly accepted parks on Treasure
22 Island and Yerba Buena Island; and be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors urges the San Francisco Board of
24 Supervisors to consider and approve the draft ordinance broadening the applicability of the
25 Park Code to TIDA's newly accepted parks.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Treasure Island Development Authority, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and that the above Resolution was duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the Authority at a properly noticed meeting on January 8, 2025.

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Jeanette Howard

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Jeanette Howard, Secretary