

1 [CEQA, General Plan, Golden Gate Park Master Plan Findings in Connection with the Golden
2 Gate Park Concourse Authority Projects.]

3 **Resolution affirming the Planning Commission's certification of the Golden Gate Park**
4 **Concourse Authority Projects Final Environmental Impact; adopting environmental**
5 **findings pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, State Guidelines, and**
6 **Administrative Code Chapter 31; and adopting General Plan and Planning Code**
7 **Section 101.1 findings in connection with the Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority**
8 **Projects.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority ("Authority") proposes an
11 underground parking facility and related surface improvements (also known as Phase I)
12 between the New DeYoung Museum and the California Academy of Sciences and in the
13 Music Concourse area of Golden Gate Park and various transportation improvement
14 measures (the "Projects"); and,

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco ("City") conducted a planning and
16 environmental review process for the proposed Projects and provided public hearings before
17 the Planning and Recreation and Park Commissions and the Authority; and,

18 WHEREAS, The actions listed in Attachment A (the "Actions"), attached hereto and
19 incorporated herein by reference, are part of a series of considerations in connection with
20 approval of the Projects, as more particularly defined in Attachment A. A copy of said
21 Attachment is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____;
22 and,

23 WHEREAS, On December 14, 2003, the Planning Department ("Department") released
24 for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") (Planning File
25 No. 2001.911E) for the Projects; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission held a duly noticed DEIR public hearing on
2 January 23, 2003; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Department prepared a Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR")
4 for the Projects consisting of the DEIR, the comments received during the review periods, any
5 additional information that became available, and the Summary of Comments and
6 Responses, all as required by law; and,

7 WHEREAS, On July 17 and 24, 2003, the Planning Commission reviewed and
8 considered the FEIR and, by Motion No. _____, found that the contents of such
9 report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed
10 complied with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA
11 Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Regulations §§ 15000 et seq.), and Chapter 31 of the
12 San Francisco Administrative Code. Said Motion is incorporated herein by reference and a
13 copy is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____; and,

14 WHEREAS, By Motion No. _____ the Planning Commission (i) found that the
15 FEIR was adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis
16 of the Planning Commission; (ii) found that the FEIR recognized significant environmental
17 impacts associated with the Project; (iii) determined that no significant new information was
18 added between public notice of the availability of the DEIR and certification of the FEIR; and
19 (iv) certified the completion of the FEIR for the Project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA
20 Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Planning and Recreation and Park Commissions and the Authority
22 took various actions related to the Projects, and in connection therewith adopted findings, as
23 required by CEQA, regarding the FEIR, alternatives and variants, mitigation measures and
24 significant environmental impacts analyzed in the FEIR, associated Actions listed in
25 Attachment A, and a proposed mitigation monitoring program. The Planning Commission

1 action in Motion No. _____ (August 21, 2003), the Recreation and Park
2 Commission action in Resolution No. _____ (August 28, 2003), and the Authority
3 action in Resolution No. _____ (August 12, 2003), are incorporated herein by
4 reference. Copies of said Motion and Resolutions are on file with the Clerk of the Board of
5 Supervisors in File No. _____. Such materials are available to the public and this
6 Board of Supervisors for its review, consideration, and action; and,

7 WHEREAS, The FEIR files and other Project-related Department files are available for
8 review by this Board of Supervisors and the public. The Planning Department files are
9 available at 1660 Mission Street and the Recreation and Park Department and Authority files
10 are available at McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 501 Stanyan Avenue. Those files are
11 part of the record before this Board of Supervisors and are incorporated by reference herein;
12 and,

13 WHEREAS, On August 21, 2003, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered
14 the Projects, and in Motion No. _____ found that the Projects were consistent with
15 the General Plan and eight priority policy findings of Planning Code section 101.1. Said
16 Motion is incorporated herein by reference and a copy of such motion is on file with the Clerk
17 of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____; and,

18 WHEREAS, On August 28, 2003, the Recreation and Park Commission reviewed and
19 considered the Projects, and in Resolution No. _____ found that the Projects were
20 consistent with the Golden Gate Park Master Plan. Said Resolution is incorporated herein by
21 reference and a copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
22 File No. _____; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reviewed and considered Planning
24 Commission Motion No. _____ certifying the FEIR, this Board finds that the FEIR is
25 adequate, accurate, and objective, and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the

1 Board, and this Board hereby affirms the Planning Commission's certification of the FEIR;
2 and,

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors finds on the basis of
4 substantial evidence in light of the whole record that: (1) modifications incorporated into the
5 Project and reflected in the Actions will not require important revisions to the FEIR due to the
6 involvement of new significant environmental effects or substantial increase in the severity of
7 previously identified significant effects; (2) no substantial changes have occurred with respect
8 to the circumstances under which the Project or the Actions were undertaken which would
9 require major revisions to the FEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental
10 effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of effects identified in the FEIR; and (3) no
11 new information of substantial importance to the Project or the Actions has become available
12 since the Planning Commission action which would indicate (a) the Project or the Actions will
13 have significant effects not discussed in the FEIR; (b) significant environmental effects will be
14 substantially more severe; (c) mitigation measures or alternatives found not feasible which
15 would reduce one or more significant effects have become feasible; or (d) mitigation
16 measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those in the FEIR would
17 substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reviewed and considered the
19 FEIR and hereby adopts the Project Findings attached hereto as Attachment A and its
20 Exhibits 1 (FEIR Mitigation Measures) and 2 (Golden Gate Park Concourse Authority Project
21 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program), and incorporates the same herein by this
22 reference; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors reviewed and considered the
24 Planning Commission's General Plan and Planning Code section 101.1 consistency findings

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1 and the Recreation and Park Commission's Golden Gate Park Master Plan findings and
2 hereby adopts said findings as its own as though fully set forth herein.

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