

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Walter and Elise Haas Fund’s Creative Work Fund - \$40,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to retroactively accept and**
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Walter and Elise Haas Fund’s**
5 **Creative Work Fund for the WritersCorps Project with Leticia Hernández, “Dar A Luz.”**

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7 WHEREAS, WritersCorps, is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that
8 improves the literacy and writing skills for educationally and economically disadvantaged
9 youth through long-term, intensive creative writing workshops with professional writers; and

10 WHEREAS, WritersCorps has for more than 16 years helped nearly 17,000 young
11 people from neighborhoods throughout San Francisco improve their literacy and desire to
12 learn; and

13 WHEREAS, Leticia Hernández, a spoken word artist, writer, and recipient of the
14 William Carlos Williams Poetry Prize from the Academy of Poets in 1996; 2009 KQED Latino
15 Local Hero Honoree; and a 2011 CantoMundo Fellow; and

16 WHEREAS, Ms. Hernández, in collaboration with WritersCorps was among 18 awards
17 given to Northern California artists for the creation of new works in the fields of literary and
18 traditional arts; and

19 WHEREAS, The grant project, *Dar A Luz*, as funded by the Walter and Elise Haas
20 Fund’s Creative Work Fund, proposes an artistic collaboration between WritersCorps and
21 artist Leticia Hernández with four main objectives: 1) Hold workshops at Hilltop High School
22 and create a collection of poetry for performance about pregnancy and motherhood; 2) An
23 exhibit of photography and sound installation; 3) A website; and 4) A two-part spoken word
24 performance at Galería de la Raza; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission proposes to maximize use of available grant funds
2 on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of the indirect
5 costs in the grant budget; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors allows for retroactively
7 accepting and expending this awarded Walter and Elise Haas Fund Creative Work Fund grant
8 to the Arts Commission, with a grant cycle of 10/7/11-5/31/13; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Arts Commission's request, which has been funded
10 and involves no ASO amendments, be carried out in accordance with all grant requirements
11 and may be spent and report upon accordingly.

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13 Recommended: _____

14 Department Head: Tom DeCaigny, Director of Cultural Affairs

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16 Approved: _____

17 Mayor Edwin M. Lee

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19 Approved: _____

20 Controller

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