

1 [Camp Mather-Private Public]

2 **Resolution opposing privatization of Camp Mather operations and any further**  
3 **franchising out of services or concessions at Camp Mather.**

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5 WHEREAS, Camp Mather offers an affordable, unique Sierra experience for San  
6 Francisco’s families and children, including activities such as learning how to ride a bike,  
7 horseback riding, collecting tadpoles, swimming in a mountain lake, stargazing, hiking in a  
8 high sierra meadow or canyon, learning about the environment and the Hetch Hetchy  
9 watershed area, and discovering the peace of a starry night; and,

10 WHEREAS, Stewardship of the planet is learned from experiences in the Sierra; and,

11 WHEREAS, In the words of John Muir, “Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-  
12 civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that  
13 wilderness is a necessity; and that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as  
14 fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life;” and,

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has been a publicly-  
16 run agency managing Camp Mather superbly in an environmentally aware, low-impact and  
17 green manner; and,

18 WHEREAS, Camp Mather is the property of the City and County of San Francisco;  
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20 WHEREAS, It is important for residents to retain control over the City's property and  
21 have access to it for generations to come; and,

22 WHEREAS, Many of the appurtenances and activity enhancements to Camp Mather  
23 activities are from charitable donations of former campers and the Friends of Camp Mather,  
24 which cooperatively works with the Recreation and Park Department to support the publicly-  
25 run camp; and,

1           WHEREAS, The Budget Analyst report recommends looking into public-private  
2 partnerships as one of over a dozen ideas, and full privatization is nowhere recommended in  
3 that report; and,

4           WHEREAS, Privatization or public/private partnership is not a preferred method of  
5 delivery of public services or education for San Francisco and its residents nor the preferred  
6 solution for capital needs; and be it,

7           RESOLVED, That the Board opposes privatization of Camp Mather operations and  
8 any further franchising out of services or concessions at Camp Mather; and be it,

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board opposes public/private partnerships that  
10 include working with private sector property developers on any plans for Camp Mather in the  
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