

FILE NO. 000761

RESOLUTION NO. 521-00

1 [Supporting Treasure Island Wetlands Creation]

2 SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF WETLANDS ON TREASURE ISLAND AND URGING  
3 THE INCORPORATION OF THE WETLANDS CREATION CONCEPT INTO ANY  
4 REQUESTS FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR A MASTER DEVELOPER, THE  
5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/REPORT, AND REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR  
6 TREASURE ISLAND AND YERBA BUENA ISLAND.

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8 WHEREAS, "The Sustainability Plan for the City of San Francisco," as adopted by the  
9 Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco in 1997, calls for preserving  
10 and restoring the region's biodiversity; and,

11 WHEREAS, Treasure Island was constructed of fill, reducing the surface of San  
12 Francisco Bay by 403 acres and displacing a large area of benthic and aquatic habitat; and,

13 WHEREAS, Treasure Island's stormwater runoff is currently discharged to the Bay  
14 untreated, contributing to the pollution of the Bay, and future regulatory requirements may no  
15 longer permit the discharge of untreated stormwater; and,

16 WHEREAS, Wetlands are proven to be a cost-effective and environmentally beneficial  
17 method of treating stormwater and wastewater; and,

18 WHEREAS, More than 500 wetlands in Europe and more than 200 in North America  
19 remove pollutants by a combination of physical, chemical, and biological processes including  
20 filtration, sedimentation, adsorption, volatilization, microbial decomposition, precipitation, and  
21 vegetative uptake; and,

22 WHEREAS, Wetlands not only provide habitat for wildlife but also attract tourists,  
23 students, and recreational users; and,

24 WHEREAS, Preliminary studies commissioned specifically for Treasure Island  
25 demonstrate that it appears feasible and desirable to site both treatment wetlands and tidal  
wetlands on Treasure Island; and,

1 WHEREAS, In July, 1999, the Treasure Island Development Authority and the San  
2 Francisco City Planning Commission endorsed Preliminary Plan Guidelines which include:  
3 "Pursue wetlands as a means of treating stormwater runoff" and "Maintain and improve the  
4 quality of Treasure Island's natural environment, including, to the extent feasible, the  
5 development of wetlands"; and,

6 WHEREAS, Numerous potential funding sources for wetlands creation and  
7 management exist which might not otherwise be available for Treasure Island; and,

8 WHEREAS, The wetlands system would serve not only as an outdoor classroom for  
9 students throughout the Bay Area but also as a major recreational and educational attraction  
10 for the general public, both locally and internationally; and,

11 WHEREAS, The creation and operation of a wetlands and interpretive center will  
12 provide job training and employment opportunities in a variety of fields; and,

13 WHEREAS, Wildlife watching is one of the most popular and quickly growing forms of  
14 recreation in the country; and,

15 WHEREAS, Wetlands on Treasure Island would serve as a visitor attraction, consistent  
16 with the goals and objectives of the Draft Base Reuse Plan, and contribute to the economic  
17 vitality of Treasure Island by taking advantage of the growing ecotourism industry, a market  
18 largely untapped in San Francisco; and,

19 WHEREAS, Treatment wetlands would provide seasonal wetland values essential to  
20 migratory shorebirds and waterfowl, given Treasure Island's position on the Pacific Flyway;  
21 and,

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors is responsible for approving the Redevelopment  
23 Plan for Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
25 supports the creation of a wetlands habitat of sufficient size to treat a significant portion of the

1 island's stormwater runoff and to provide meaningful wildlife habitat and educational  
2 opportunities on Treasure Island; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Treasure Island Development  
4 Authority to specify a wetlands component in the project description and request information  
5 regarding the respondents' experience and expertise in wetland design and construction in  
6 the Request for Qualifications for a master developer or developers; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the United States Navy and the San  
8 Francisco Planning Department to include a wetlands component of meaningful size and  
9 function in at least one alternative in the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental  
10 Impact Report; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the United States Navy to clean up the  
12 future wetlands site to standards appropriate for wildlife habitat; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Treasure Island Development  
14 Authority to include the wetlands concept in the Draft Redevelopment Plan; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to his Honor, the  
16 Mayor, with a request that he transmit copies to the Treasure Island Development Authority,  
17 the San Francisco Planning Department, and the United States Navy with a request that they  
18 take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this resolution.  
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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails

### Resolution

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**Date Passed:**

Resolution supporting the creation of wetlands on Treasure Island and urging the incorporation of the wetlands creation concept into any Requests for Qualifications for a master developer, the Environmental Impact Statement/Report, and Redevelopment Plan for Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island.

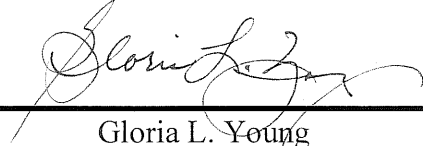
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May 30, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED on May 30, 2000 by the  
Board of Supervisors of the City and County  
of San Francisco.



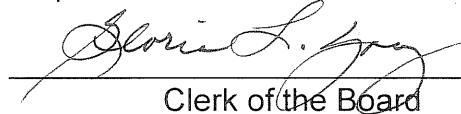
Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

Date: June 9, 2000

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor  
within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective  
without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the  
Charter.



Clerk of the Board

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