

1 [Commending Hala Hijazi]

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3 **Resolution commending Hala Hijazi for her work on the Old Mint Project.**

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5 WHEREAS, Under the direction of Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., in 1999, the City and
6 County of San Francisco began talks with the General Services Administration under the
7 leadership of Hala Hijazi to secure the transfer of the Old Mint Building; and,

8 WHEREAS, Hala Hijazi oversaw coordination and managed and directed all
9 communications and deliverables with the Federal government, San Francisco Board of
10 Supervisors, City departments, the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society, and other
11 stakeholders to ensure the successful acquisition and the endorsement of the proposal to
12 redevelop the Old Mint Building, a National Historic Landmark, into the City's Official History
13 Museum; and,

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15 WHEREAS, Ms. Hijazi established and managed a 9-member Old Mint Task Force in
16 charge of soliciting public input on the proposed transfer and redevelopment, and a 3-
17 member review committee; and,

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Hijazi negotiated and finalized the terms of the Old Mint's Transfer/
19 Negotiating Documents: a Deed, a Programmatic Agreement, and an Exclusive Negotiating
20 Agreement; and,

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22 WHEREAS, in August 2003, the City secured the acquisition of the Old Mint building, a
23 National Historic Landmark, from the Federal General Services Administration in an
24 unprecedented length of time; and,

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1 WHEREAS, Ms. Hijazi secured and currently oversees seed funding of (\$3,630,000) of
2 federal and state grants; and,

3 WHEREAS, today the Board of Supervisors will approve entering into a Disposition
4 and Development Agreement and a 66-year ground lease with the San Francisco Museum
5 and Historical Society for its projected \$85 million project; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, that the City and County of San Francisco officially recognize Hala Hijazi
7 for all her hard work in stewarding this project for the last seven years; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of San Francisco commends Hala
9 Hijazi for her extraordinary work in securing the Old Mint Project, an historic treasure.
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