

1 [Supporting funding for the application by the Mexican Museum to the California Cultural and  
2 Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 grant funds]

3 **Resolution supporting funding for the application by the Mexican Museum to the**  
4 **California Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 grant funds.**

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6 WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean  
7 Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition  
8 40), which provides funds to the State of California Cultural and Historical Endowment  
9 (CCHE) Grant Program for awarding to culturally significant projects that involve, serve, and  
10 celebrate the underserved and untold stories of California; and

11 WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum is located within the City and County of San  
12 Francisco and is the only museum of its kind on the West Coast, housing a unique and world-  
13 class collection of 12,000 works of art that warrant a state-of-the-art home to preserve and  
14 protect them; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Mexican’s Museum’s new building will complete the development of  
16 the culturally significant Museum Row located in the Yerba Buena District of San Francisco;  
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18 WHEREAS, The history of Mexico and Mexican-Americans and all Americans of Latin  
19 American decent in California is an integral part of the history of California in general and San  
20 Francisco in particular and should therefore be included in the preservation of California’s  
21 most important historical and cultural assets; and,

22 WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum applied to the CCHE for funding in Round 1 and  
23 was recommended by staff for funding but subsequently not selected by the CCHE Board;  
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1           WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum responded to constructive comments by CCHE  
2 staff from Round 1 and improved the strength of its application even further by securing over  
3 \$4 million in private sector contributions to its capital campaign, deepening its outreach into  
4 the community, and strengthening the long-term business plan for the Museum, so that the  
5 Round 2 application was even stronger; and,

6           WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum is the only project applicant from San Francisco  
7 within its division, Division 2 for Capital Grants, and the only Latino-focused capital grant  
8 application in the entire San Francisco Bay Area; and,

9           WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum has again been recommended to the CCHE Board  
10 to receive \$3 million, but there are \$72 million worth of projects competing statewide and only  
11 \$43 million available in Round 2, and the CCHE Board meets on April 27-28, 2006, to make  
12 final grantee recommendations; and,

13           WHEREAS, It would be a smart and strong leveraging of existing local community and  
14 City and County government resources to secure state funding for the Mexican Museum  
15 project, specifically because the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency has \$18 million  
16 earmarked for the Museum project, Millennium Partners has provided an additional \$4 million,  
17 and the Museum has secured \$4 million more totaling well over \$26 million to match the state  
18 funds; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
20 supports full funding of the Round 2 application of the Mexican Museum to the California  
21 Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 funds; and, be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
23 Francisco urges the Board of the California Cultural and Historical Endowment to approve the  
24 application by the Mexican Museum for \$3 million to construct the new museum building.  
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