

1 [Protection of Safely Produced and Well Managed Youth Events]

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3 **Resolution calling for the protection of safely produced and well managed youth**
4 **events, including music oriented events, in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors recognizes that music oriented nightclubs,
7 special events, and outdoor music festivals are a vital cultural and economic resource,
8 generating hundreds of millions of dollars each year in tourism and revenue for the City; and

9 WHEREAS, Since suitable venues for large, legal and safe special events are few in
10 San Francisco, access to venues are particularly necessary for peaceful assembly and
11 cultural celebration, particularly for youth who cannot attend events for persons 21 and over;
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13 WHEREAS, San Francisco recognizes that shutting down permitted venues and
14 special events, absent legitimate public safety concerns, does not reduce harm because it
15 leads to a proliferation of illegal unpermitted events; and,

16 WHEREAS, Issues of alcohol and substance abuse and violence are broad society
17 problems that are not created by entertainment events - meaning that while event producers
18 share the burden of addressing these problems on their premises, they do not bear the sole
19 responsibility for addressing them; and;

20 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has expressed concern that San Francisco is
21 lacking compared to other large cities in terms of entertainment options for youth; and

22 WHEREAS, At times in San Francisco, the response to problems around youth
23 entertainment is to eliminate youth venues and events rather than utilize harm reduction
24 procedures and create solutions; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors and the City and County of San Francisco
2 acknowledge the importance of safely produced youth events, included music oriented
3 events, with respect to culture, economy and community; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly recommends that the
5 Mayor’s Office and relevant City departments, in particular Police, Fire, Public Health,
6 Entertainment Commission, Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and Transportation
7 (ISCOTT), Recreation and Parks, and the Port work together to develop solutions to allow
8 these youth events to continue and flourish both in private venues as well as on city property.

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