

1 [Wild parrots of Telegraph Hill – License agreement for tree preservation at 233 Greenwich.]

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3 **Resolution approving a license agreement with the owners of 233 Greenwich Street**
4 **and the Northeast San Francisco Conservancy to allow for the preservation of**
5 **Monterey Cypress trees that provide habitat for the wild parrots of Telegraph Hill; and**
6 **authorizing official acts in connection thereto.**

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8 WHEREAS, The documentary and book entitled "The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill"
9 brought national and international attention the unique parrot population of Telegraph Hill and
10 the habitat, protection, and foraging opportunities that certain trees provide in this location;
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12 WHEREAS, These wild parrots have become a valued aspect of the identity and
13 culture of the Telegraph Hill neighborhood, bringing curiosity and joy to both residents and
14 visitors to San Francisco; and,

15 WHEREAS, The parrots' presence has helped to expand the public's interest in urban
16 wildlife and to engage local residents in preserving the urban forest of Telegraph Hill; and,

17 WHEREAS, The two remaining Monterey Cypress trees at 233 Greenwich Street
18 provide valuable habitat to the wild parrots and other wildlife on Telegraph Hill; and,

19 WHEREAS, Given the current condition of these trees, immediate steps are necessary
20 to both reduce the danger of their failure from weather and other natural causes and to
21 replace their habitat value with new trees; and,

22 WHEREAS, Both the property owners of 233 Greenwich Street (the "property owners")
23 and the Northeast San Francisco Conservancy (the "NESFC") have worked tirelessly to reach
24 a compromise that will both reduce dangers facing the property owners and allow for the
25 preservation and replacement of this valuable habitat; and,

1 WHEREAS, Given the important role of these trees in the parrots' lives, the City
2 considers it in the public interest to assist in facilitating the trees' preservation for a period of
3 five years while replacement trees can be grown that provide suitable habitat; and,

4 WHEREAS, In order to accomplish this goal, the Mayor's Office in conjunction with
5 Supervisor Dufty have proposed to enter into a license agreement with the property owners
6 and the NESFC. Such agreement sets forth the relationship between the City and these two
7 parties during the five year term during which the Monterey Cypress trees will be preserved
8 and replacement habitat will be established as set forth in a memorandum of understanding
9 between the property owners and NESFC. Copies of the license agreement and related
10 memorandum of understanding are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File
11 No. . Said documents are incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the City and County of San
13 Francisco, hereby approves the license agreement in substantially the same form as that on
14 file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board approves and authorizes all necessary actions to
16 effectuate the intent of this license agreement, including but not limited to, authorizing the
17 Director of Real Estate and Director of the Department of Public Works to execute the
18 abovementioned license agreement; and, be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board urges the Department of Public Works to assist
20 NESFC in the clearing, transportation, and disposal of debris following the removal of the
21 Monterey Cypress trees as set forth in the memorandum of understanding.

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