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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recognizes and honors the vital
8 role Yomi Agunbiade has played in the betterment of the Recreation and Parks Department in
9 San Francisco during his tenure; and,

10 WHEREAS, Since 2000, Recreation and Parks has completed more than 105 park
11 renovations across San Francisco and an additional 86 are underway. During this time, the
12 department has leveraged \$504 million in city funds to secure \$116 million in private
13 donations, state and federal grants; and,

14 WHEREAS, To improve service, managers now provide hands-on supervision to
15 gardeners, custodians and recreation staff in eight service areas across the City. Recreation
16 activities are uniform throughout San Francisco so all residents enjoy the same high quality
17 experience; and,

18 WHEREAS, Old, dirty park bathrooms are being replaced with standardized, pre-built
19 bathrooms that are safer, less expensive, and easier to keep clean and open; and,

20 WHEREAS, Under Yomi's tenure, a citywide needs assessment of every park and
21 recreation center was completed, in order to better prepare and plot long-term investments in
22 our parks. A park and open space acquisition policy was established to ensure that the City
23 only purchases or accepts useable and accessible land, and an open space policy was
24 developed to keep our parks on par with new housing; and,
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1 WHEREAS, A new online activity/sports registration and field reservation system will
2 increase transparency and help Recreation and Parks provide more sports and activities of
3 interest; and,

4 WHEREAS, New, voter approved standards for keeping our parks clean and in good
5 shape have been established. With the debut of 311—the City’s one-stop answer line—and
6 Parkscan—an online comment center for city parks—residents are directly informing the
7 proper staff about any problems in our parks and tracking the City’s response and repairs;
8 and,

9 WHEREAS, Yomi has overseen the development of work plans for all parks so staff
10 can better maintain our parks and our volunteers can make a real impact; and,

11 WHEREAS, Recreation directors are now required to develop six hours of
12 programming each day; and,

13 WHEREAS, Thirteen new park patrol officers are being hired to keep our parks safe,
14 attractive, and fun for all; and,

15 WHEREAS, After ten years of debate the Natural Areas Management Plan was
16 completed as part of Recreation and Parks efforts to preserve our environment and protect
17 our eco-system; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Mayor’s budget included funding for thirty-five new custodians to help
19 clean-up our parks and meet citywide standards and fifteen new gardeners to plant and
20 preserve our green spaces; and,

21 WHEREAS, Under Yomi’s leadership, a five year logjam was broken, and a volunteer
22 policy was created that establishes a true partnership with the community and lays out the
23 responsibilities and expectations of both the volunteers and the Recreation and Parks
24 Department; and,

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1 WHEREAS, In February of this year, thanks to tremendous effort on the part of Yomi
 2 and his staff, the voters passed a \$185 Million General Obligation Bond ensuring the
 3 renovation of dozens of parks throughout the City; now therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
 5 do hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to Yomi for his outstanding contribution and dedicated
 6 service to the public and wish him continued success in his future professional endeavors.

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