

1 [Sue Bierman Park Playground Grand Opening]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand opening of the new playground at Sue Bierman Park**  
4 **and commending the Recreation and Park Department, the Friends of Waterfront**  
5 **Playground, the San Francisco Parks Alliance, and the entire project team for their hard**  
6 **work and commitment to creating the new playground.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Friends of Waterfront Playground is a volunteer organization formed  
9 by two waterfront neighborhoods, the Barbary Coast Neighborhood Association and the  
10 Rincon Hill Neighborhood Association, in order to develop a public playground in the  
11 Embarcadero neighborhood; and

12 WHEREAS, There are currently over 12,000 residents, growing to 20,000, and more  
13 than 1,000 children live in and visit the area daily with no public playgrounds within a half mile  
14 of the area for these families to play at and enjoy; and

15 WHEREAS, The Friends engaged ROMA Design Group, the design firm who  
16 developed the Sue Bierman Park 2004 Master Plan, to develop the conceptual design of a  
17 new playground in the Park and in partnership with the Friends and the Recreation and Park  
18 Department, facilitated a strong community design process; and

19 WHEREAS, A review of the entire park was completed and the location was chosen for  
20 the site's visibility, sunlight, geometry and topography that is most appropriate for a children's  
21 play area that included a review of the entire park and the location was chosen for the site's  
22 visibility, sunlight, geometry and topography that is most appropriate for a children's play area;  
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24 WHEREAS, The Friends embarked on a robust fundraising campaign to fund the cost  
25 of implementing the community approved conceptual plan to ensure there was careful

1 consideration to plan and build a playground with environmentally friendly and fully accessible  
2 features; and

3 WHEREAS, With the Support of Mayor Ed Lee, Supervisor David Chiu,  
4 Recreation and Park Department General Manager Phil Ginsburg, the Friends of Waterfront  
5 Playground secured \$800,000 to fund the cost of building the new playground; and

6 WHEREAS, Major funding has been provided by the 2008 Safe and Clean  
7 Neighborhood Park Bond's Community Opportunity Fund, Zynga.org Foundation, the Bay  
8 Club, Salesforce.com Foundation, and numerous corporate partners and community  
9 members; and

10 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department, in partnership with Zynga.org  
11 Foundation, which committed \$250,000 to the playground as the lead donor, is planning a  
12 unique celebration on the opening day of the playground on July 20, 2013; now, therefore, be  
13 it

14 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco celebrates the opening of the  
15 new playground in Sue Bierman Park on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors commends the  
17 San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the Friends of Waterfront Playground, the  
18 San Francisco Parks Alliance, ROMA Design Group, Tectonics Architects, Swinerton, Inc.,  
19 and all of the donors and community members that made this project so successful for their  
20 dedication and hard work to create an invaluable community asset for bringing families  
21 together and strengthening community ties in San Francisco.

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