

1 [Resolution reaffirms the Board of Supervisors' support for the expeditious completion of the  
2 Mexican Museum Project at the Yerba Buena Garden site.]

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4 **Resolution reaffirming the Board of Supervisors' support for the Mexican Museum**  
5 **project, and calling upon all parties, including the San Francisco Redevelopment**  
6 **Agency, Millennium Partners, the San Francisco Arts Commission, and Fort Mason to**  
7 **support the expeditious completion of the project, including helping the Mexican**  
8 **Museum retain its lease with Fort Mason concurrent with and through the**  
9 **development, construction and actualization of the Mexican Museum project at the**  
10 **Yerba Buena Garden site.**

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12 WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum holds one of the most valuable Mexican Art  
13 collections in California and throughout the country; and

14 WHEREAS, Since 1982, the Mexican Art collection has been safely housed and  
15 exhibited at San Francisco's Fort Mason Center; and

16 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco has earmarked \$18 million dollars  
17 for the construction of a permanent home for the Mexican Museum and its valuable and  
18 historic art collection; and

19 WHEREAS, In July of 2009, the City and County of San Francisco approved for the  
20 San Francisco Redevelopment Agency to issue an additional \$4 million dollars in bonds from  
21 the \$18 million in earmarked funds for the construction of the Mexican Museum's new  
22 building; and

23 WHEREAS, The California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) has set aside  
24 \$2.4 million for the Mexican Museum Capital Campaign project to build a new building to  
25 house the Mexican Museum's cultural assets; and

1           WHEREAS, On August 4, 2009, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency  
2           unanimously approved \$250,000 in pre-development funding for the Mexican Museum to  
3           build organizational capacity and engage in pre-development activities associated with the  
4           new building project; and

5           WHEREAS, On August 4, 2009, the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency also  
6           unanimously voted to release \$30,000 for the San Francisco Arts Commission to assist the  
7           Mexican museum as its fiscal agent for the expenditure of the \$250,000 grant; and

8           WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum's Board in 2008 voted for the Mexican Museum's  
9           art collection to remain housed and exhibited to the public at Fort Mason Center until the  
10          building project at Yerba Buena Garden is built, avoiding financial costs of cataloging and  
11          transporting the art (estimated cost over \$450,000) and avoiding the risk of damaging the art  
12          collection; and

13          WHEREAS, In July of 2008, the Mexican Museum entered into an Exclusive  
14          Negotiating Agreement with Millennium Partners to develop the Mexican Museum site at  
15          Yerba Buena Garden; and

16          WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum will provide many benefits to the City and County of  
17          San Francisco, including bringing tourists from around the state, the country and the globe,  
18          allowing all to enjoy indigenous art, and sharing in the rich culture and history of Latinos/as;  
19          and

20          WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors and Mayor Gavin Newsom have  
21          previously expressed their support for the construction of a new home to house the over  
22          12,000 art objects which make up the Mexican Museum collection; and

23          WHEREAS, Some members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have  
24          expressed concerns about delays in the completion of the project and have expressed a  
25          desire to continue monitoring the project's development, including, if necessary, holding a

1 special public hearing on the development and construction of a building for the Mexican  
2 Museum at its designated Yerba Buena site to ensure that the \$18 million of earmarked  
3 public funds are fully and appropriately spent on the Mexican Museum project, including  
4 future operations; and to ensure that the \$2.4 million CCHE grant is realized; now, therefore,  
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 hereby reaffirms its support for the expeditious completion of the Mexican Museum project;  
8 and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
10 Francisco hereby supports the Mexican Museum remaining at the Fort Mason site to house  
11 the priceless art collection until the building project at Yerba Buena Garden is built, and  
12 therefore, calls upon Fort Mason to negotiate with the Mexican Museum Board an extension  
13 of their current lease; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
15 Francisco calls on the San Francisco Arts Commission and the Redevelopment Agency to  
16 assist the Mexican Museum in negotiating a renewal of the lease with Fort Mason in order to  
17 house and exhibit the collection; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
19 Francisco calls upon the San Francisco Arts Commission to expeditiously carry out its duties  
20 as fiscal agent for the expenditure of the \$250,000 grant; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
22 Francisco hereby calls on Millennium Partners to fulfill all of its promises and obligations to  
23 the Mexican Museum; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
25 Francisco calls upon all parties, including the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency,

1 Millennium Partners, and the San Francisco Arts Commission to work together with the  
2 Mexican Museum to ensure that all the required milestones set by the CCHE grant guidelines  
3 are met and the \$2.4 million CCHE grant can be realized for the development and  
4 construction of the new Mexican Museum at the Yerba Buena Garden site.

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