

1 [El Farolito FC Day - May 22, 2025]

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3 **Resolution declaring May 22, 2025, as El Farolito Football Club (FC) Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco.**

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6 WHEREAS, El Farolito Football Club (FC) is an amateur soccer club based in San
7 Francisco's Mission District that takes its name and heritage from the family-owned Taqueria,
8 El Farolito; and

9 WHEREAS, Founded in 1985 by the late Salvador "Don Chava" Lopez, El Farolito
10 emerged from humble beginnings, rising through the ranks of the San Francisco Soccer
11 Football League to claim national glory by winning the United States (U.S.) Open Cup in 1993
12 under the name Club Deportivo Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, Their 1993 victory has forever cemented their name in American soccer
14 history and laid the foundation for decades of grassroots excellence; and

15 WHEREAS, For four decades, this family-run club has been woven into the Mission's
16 cultural fabric, reflecting the hard work and pride of San Francisco's Latino community; and

17 WHEREAS, El Farolito has deep roots in the Mission's Latino community, embodying
18 the neighborhood's culture, resilience, and family traditions; and

19 WHEREAS, The team's players are local residents balancing day jobs with their passion
20 for soccer; and

21 WHEREAS, In recent U.S. Open Cup tournaments, El Farolito FC has captured national
22 attention by reaching the third round in each of the last two years, upsetting higher-division
23 teams, earning victories over Major League Soccer (MLS) Portland Timbers, MLS Next Pro's
24 Real Monarchs and United Soccer League (USL) Championship's Monterey Bay FC, pushing
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1 Oakland Roots Soccer Club (SC) into extra time and facing a tough loss to the Sacramento
2 Republic FC– showcasing the magic of grassroots soccer and determination; and

3 WHEREAS, In August, 2024, El Farolito won the semi-pro National Premier Soccer
4 League after beating New Jersey’s Motown FC, 2-1, in the final; and

5 WHEREAS, The current team is led by Head Coach and General Manager Santiago
6 Lopez, who carries forward his father’s vision with passion and dedication, and Irene Lopez,
7 the club manager, who plays an integral role in the team's operations; and

8 WHEREAS, The club’s 2024 and 2025 Open Cup run and its storied legacy have
9 inspired Mission District residents and soccer fans across San Francisco and the country,
10 highlighting the city’s vibrant cultural diversity and community pride; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
12 commends the players, coaches, and supporters of El Farolito FC for their outstanding
13 achievements and the positive impact they have had on our city; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages all San Franciscans
15 to celebrate El Farolito FC and to recognize the team’s role in promoting community and
16 cultural heritage; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
18 Francisco hereby declares May 22, 2025, as “El Farolito FC Day” in the City and County of
19 San Francisco to honor the team’s contributions to the City’s sports and cultural life.