

1 [Resolution of Intent to Establish a Street Plaza at Eagle Plaza 383-12th Street]

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3 **Resolution of Intent to establish a Street Plaza at Eagle Plaza 383-12th Street, under**
4 **Administrative Code, Chapter 94 and urging Public Works to initiate the process to**
5 **solicit a Plaza Steward at this location.**

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7 WHEREAS, San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 94 establishes the Plaza
8 Program, which is a joint effort of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Real
9 Estate Division, and Public Works; and

10 WHEREAS, Among the many functions of the Plaza Program is to “[s]eek Stewards for
11 Plazas through a Steward identification process that utilizes existing City partnership efforts
12 where possible and builds strong relationships with Stewards;” and

13 WHEREAS, A Steward is defined as: “(a) any educational, recreational or social
14 agency, or any bona fide fraternal, charitable, or religious or benevolent or any other nonprofit
15 organization or any public agency which organization or agency is exempt from taxation under
16 the Internal Revenue laws of the United States as a bona fide fraternal, charitable, religious,
17 benevolent, or nonprofit organization or a public agency with programs based in San
18 Francisco, (b) an organization or agency with a strong, demonstrated connection to the
19 neighborhood in which the Plaza is located; and

20 WHEREAS, Plaza Stewards are encouraged to maximize events and activities that are
21 free to the public; and

22 WHEREAS, In 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a street encroachment permit
23 under Public Works Code, Sections 786 et seq. for the creation of Eagle Plaza on a portion of
24 12th Street between Harrison and Bernice Streets in Resolution No. 076-19, Clerk of the
25 Board of Supervisors File No. 190053; and

1 WHEREAS, Eagle Plaza is a public gathering space in San Francisco's Western SoMa
2 neighborhood that has transformed an underutilized street into a well-cared-for green, safe
3 and clean space for relaxing, gathering, and celebrating Leather and LGBTQ+ people, and
4 community inclusion; and

5 WHEREAS, Eagle Plaza, anchored by the leather pride flag atop the 80' tall, Tony
6 DeBlase commemorative flag pole, transforms a portion of 12th Street between Harrison and
7 Bernice Streets into a public space that celebrates leather and LGBTQ culture; and

8 WHEREAS, The Eagle Plaza is the world's first Leather-themed public space, which is
9 a neighborhood community gathering space and managed in support of San Francisco's
10 Leather, Fetish, Kink, Queer and LGBTQ culture and community; and

11 WHEREAS, The plaza can be transformed into a pedestrian zone for events,
12 gatherings, and performances; and

13 WHEREAS, On non-event days, the built-in traffic calming features create a safe space
14 for people of all ages to gather, relax, play, and celebrate; and

15 WHEREAS, Friends of Eagle Plaza, a neighborhood-based nonprofit group, was
16 established in 2020 with the intention of maintaining Eagle Plaza as a public space that is
17 clean, safe, and welcoming to all; and

18 WHEREAS, This group plans to raise and manage funds to organize, facilitate, and
19 authorize events using the Eagle Plaza as a venue with priority given to non-profit
20 organizations, including those that support the local Leather, Fetish, Kink, Queer and LGBTQ
21 community; and

22 WHEREAS, Given the significance of Eagle Plaza as a supportive and safe public
23 location, the community interest in recognizing Eagle Plaza as an official Street Plaza under
24 Administrative Code, Chapter 94, and the desire to identify a Plaza Steward among the
25 interested organizations to activate this space under Public Works Code, Section 792, the

1 Board of Supervisors finds that Public Works should initiate the processes related to
2 establishing a Street Plaza and finding a Plaza Steward for Eagle Plaza; now, therefore, be it
3 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors intends to formally establish Eagle Plaza
4 as an official Street Plaza under Administrative Code, Chapter 94; and, be it
5 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board urges Public Works to initiate the process to
6 establish Eagle Plaza as a Street Plaza; and, be it
7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges Public Works to begin the process of
8 soliciting applications to identify a Plaza Steward for Eagle Plaza under Public Works
9 Code 792; and, be it
10 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board urges Public Works to ensure that the Plaza
11 Steward solicitation and application process be thorough and robust, and include, but not be
12 limited to, Friends of the Eagle Plaza, among other organizations that have expressed interest
13 in activating Eagle Plaza.
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