

1 [San Francisco Opera’s free outdoor opera simulcast of *Madama Butterfly*.]

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3 **Resolution commending the San Francisco Opera, David Gockley and event sponsors**
4 **for providing San Francisco with the first simulcast opera at Civic Center Plaza.**

5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Opera provided an enchanting evening out for
6 residents of San Francisco and the Bay Area by simulcasting its summer season opener,
7 “Madama Butterfly,” at Civic Center Plaza; and,

8 WHEREAS, According to Opera officials an estimated 8,000 spectators attended this
9 memorable night, gathering on the grass in front of City Hall with their picnic dinners and good
10 friends; and,

11 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Opera’s new director, David Gockley, was inspired to
12 broadcast the opera based on his past success at the Houston Grand Opera; and,

13 WHEREAS, David Gockley and the San Francisco Opera designed this free concert to
14 use new technological advances to appeal to an build a new opera audience; and,

15 WHEREAS, This concert also honored the Italian American founders of the San
16 Francisco Opera Company, including Giuseppe Bruscia who founded it back in 1922; and,

17 WHEREAS, The simulcast was presented with generous support from Mr. and Mrs.
18 Joseph B. Brucia, in memory of Giuseppe Brucia; United Airlines, Franklin Templeton
19 Investments, the American Guild of Musical Artists, and the American Federation of
20 Musicians; and

21 WHEREAS, After 84 years, the San Francisco Opera remains a vital element of culture
22 in San Francisco with its spirit and progressive philosophy, contributing to the timelessness of
23 opera and providing the city with sophistication and class; now, therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors commends the San Francisco Opera for its
25 first successful outdoor simulcast concert.