

1 [Urging the Establishment of the LGBTQ Nightlife and Culture Working Group]

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3 **Resolution urging the establishment of the LGBTQ Nightlife and Culture Working**
4 **Group, and urging the Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the**
5 **Entertainment Commission to convene the working group with a goal of protecting,**
6 **preserving, and expanding LGBTQ nightlife, including drafting and enact a plan to**
7 **create the Citywide LGBTQ Cultural Heritage Strategy.**

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9 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to a large LGBTQ population and is the epicenter
10 for LGBT culture; and

11 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a rich history of LGBTQ nightlife dating back many
12 decades and still existing today, particularly in the South of Market, Castro, Mission, Polk
13 Street, and Tenderloin, as well as other neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, Bars and nightlife have historically provided a safe gathering space for
15 members of the LGBTQ community, including spaces to find and build community; and

16 WHEREAS, Nightlife played an important part in the history of the LGBTQ Civil Rights
17 Movement, with the Stonewall uprising at the Stonewall Inn in New York City in 1969; and

18 WHEREAS, LGBTQ nightlife businesses are a critical part of San Francisco's
19 reputation as a world-class nightlife and entertainment destination and are an integral part of
20 the City's nighttime economy; and

21 WHEREAS, LGBTQ nightlife businesses are important arts venues, social spaces, and
22 places for political organization and charitable fundraising; and

23 WHEREAS, In 2016, the San Francisco City Economist released Nighttime Economy
24 Economic Impact Report that showed the entertainment and nightlife industries employed

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1 over 60,000 people, generated \$6 billion in annual revenue, and contributed \$80 million in
2 taxes to the General Fund; and

3 WHEREAS, Some longstanding LGBTQ nightlife businesses, particularly in the South of
4 Market neighborhoods, are facing potential displacement that would negatively impacts San
5 Francisco’s nightlife cultural and economy, as well as the LGBTQ community as a whole; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Board of Supervisors passed the Western SOMA Plan, which
7 rezoned the Western South of Market Area, where a large number of LGBTQ nightclubs are
8 located; and

9 WHEREAS, The Western SOMA Plan authorized the goal of preserving LGBT assets
10 in the area, including through the creation of an LGBTQ Cultural Heritage District; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2015, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted the LGBTQ
12 Historic Context Statement, which provides background on the struggles and victories of the
13 community; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Board calls for the creation of the LGBTQ Nightlife Working
15 Group, consisting of members of the LGBTQ community, LGBTQ nightlife venue owners,
16 operators, and employees, and nightlife advocates; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Mayor’s Office of Economic and
18 Workforce Development and Entertainment Commission to convene and work with the
19 LGBTQ Nightlife and Culture Working Group to develop, promote, and expand programs to
20 support LGBTQ nightlife and cultural heritage; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the LGBT Nightlife and Culture Working Group, with
22 support from the Planning Department, will develop and draft a plan to implement the Citywide
23 LGBTQ Cultural Heritage Strategy, and submit this plan to the Planning Commission and
24 Board of Supervisors within 6 months of the adoption of this resolution.

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