

1 [Supporting Efforts to Preserve the Redstone Labor Temple]

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3 **Resolution supporting all efforts to preserve the Redstone Labor Temple as a center**
4 **for social and economic justice organizations, non-profit service and advocacy**
5 **agencies, artists, and cultural groups by and for the Mission District’s poor and**
6 **working class.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Redstone Labor Temple, also known as the Redstone Building, was
9 built by the San Francisco Labor Council in 1914 and was home to the Labor Council, many
10 affiliated unions, and the San Francisco Construction and Building Trades Council; and

11 WHEREAS, The Redstone Labor Temple was an epicenter for organizing the historic
12 1934 San Francisco General Strike and was home to the first all-women’s union, Bookbinder’s
13 Local 125; and

14 WHEREAS, The Redstone Labor Temple has both national and international
15 significance as a monument to the labor movement, including its 2004 designation as a San
16 Francisco City Landmark; and

17 WHEREAS, The Redstone Labor Temple has, since 1968, been a center for social and
18 economic justice organizations, nonprofit service and advocacy agencies, artists, and cultural
19 groups by and for the Mission District’s poor and working class; and

20 WHEREAS, The Redstone Labor Temple stands today as one of the last buildings in
21 San Francisco dedicated to maintaining the culture and community of the Mission District in
22 the face of an unprecedented displacement crisis; and

23 WHEREAS, The Redstone Labor Temple is being targeted by the same forces of real
24 estate speculation that are displacing poor and working-class people from San Francisco; and

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1 WHEREAS, An alternative solution being negotiated would allow a nonprofit
2 organization to purchase the Redstone Labor Temple and continue to provide affordable
3 rental space for the increasing number of grassroots organizations and cultural programs
4 facing displacement from our community and from the City; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supports all efforts to
6 preserve the Redstone Labor Temple as a center for social and economic justice
7 organizations, non-profit service and advocacy agencies, artists, and cultural groups by and
8 for the Mission District's poor and working class, and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors pledges its
10 support in preventing the eviction and displacement of the existing tenants of the Redstone
11 Labor Temple.