

1 [Palace of Fine Arts Repairs]

2 URGING THE RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE REPAIRS ON THE
3 PALACE OF FINE ARTS' ROTUNDA WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED; TO DEVELOP A
4 LONG-RANGE CONSERVATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THIS AREA AND TO
5 REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

6 WHEREAS, The Palace of Fine Arts, designed to resemble ruins by renowned architect Bernard
7 Maybeck, was constructed in 1915, as part of the Panama Pacific International Exposition; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Palace, first constructed of burlap, plaster and wire, was reconstructed in the
9 more resilient cement in the mid-1960's from molds of the original structure; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Palace, under jurisdiction of the Recreation and Parks Department, has been a
11 popular community gathering spot for weddings, picnics, photographs, and general enjoyment; and,

12 WHEREAS, It houses the Exploratorium and Palace of Fine Arts Theater, both community
13 cultural resources; and,

14 WHEREAS, As a result of heavy rains associated with El Nino, the Palace rotunda has been in
15 disrepair causing it to be sealed off from the public with a wire cyclone fence since late February of
16 1998; and,

17 WHEREAS, Repairs to the rotunda are estimated to cost \$50,000; and,

18 WHEREAS, Residents who live near the palace have complained about the murky and decaying
19 condition of the lagoon; and,

20 WHEREAS, Recreation and Parks Department have applied to Federal Emergency Management
21 Agency for funds to repair the footpaths, which are caving into the lagoon; and,

22 WHEREAS, Given the high volume of public traffic, everyday maintenance of trash around the
23 grounds is a demanding task, often leading to garbage overflow; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and Parks Department to
25 execute necessary repairs on the Palace rotunda with all deliberate speed; and, be it

SUPERVISORS

GAVIN NEWSOM , BIERMAN, BROWN, KATZ, TENG, BECERRIL, LENO

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Recreation and Parks Department to develop a long-range conservation and maintenance plan for this park; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent Recreation and Parks Department, attn: President of the Recreation and Parks Commission; attn: Debra Lerner; and attn: Ron de Leon, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 501 Stanyan Avenue, 94117; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests regular updates on the status of the repairs and plans for future conservation.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

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Resolution urging the Recreation and Parks Department to execute repairs on the Palace of Fine Arts rotunda with all deliberate speed; to develop a long-range conservation and maintenance plan for this area and to report back to the Board of Supervisors.

February 17, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 2 - Newsom, Teng

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 17, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

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