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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Parks Department

FROM: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors

DATE: August 3, 2015

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee has received the following legislation, introduced by Supervisor London Breed on July 28, 2015, which is being referred to your department.

**File No. 150819**

**Resolution retroactively authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a Grant-in-Place from the Trust for Public Land for improvements to Buchanan Street Mall, valued at \$187,600 for the period of April 7, 2015, through October 31, 2015.**

If you wish to submit any comments or reports, please forward those to the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

cc: Sarah Ballard, Recreation and Parks Department  
Margaret McArthur, Recreation and Parks Department  
Linda Wong, Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

1 [Accept and Expend Grant-in-Place - Trust for Public Land - Buchanan Street Mall Park  
2 Activation - \$187,600]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and**  
4 **expend a Grant-in-Place from the Trust for Public Land of improvements to Buchanan**  
5 **Street Mall, valued at \$187,600 for the period of April 7, 2015, through October 31, 2015.**

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7 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (“RPD”) operates  
8 and maintains real property owned by the City and County of San Francisco located between  
9 Grove and Eddy Street (Assessor’s Block/Lot Nos. 0748/033, 0757/026, 0772/023, 0781/035,  
10 and 0795/028) in San Francisco commonly known as the Buchanan Street Mall (“the  
11 Property”); and

12 WHEREAS, The Buchanan Street Mall currently includes five consecutive blocks of  
13 green space, three playgrounds, a half basketball court, and asphalt paths; and

14 WHEREAS, The Trust for Public Land (“TPL”) seeks to build great parks that  
15 strengthen communities particularly in areas that are under-served by existing parks and  
16 recreation facilities and supports the Recreation and Park Department’s mission of providing  
17 San Franciscans with enriching recreational activities, maintaining beautiful parks, and  
18 preserving the environment for the well-being of its diverse community efforts; and

19 WHEREAS, RPD and TPL desire to activate and improve the Buchanan Street Mall  
20 through fostering stewardship by nearby community members and encouraging residents to  
21 actively participate in the design, construction and upkeep of new project structures on the  
22 Mall, known as the “Activation Project”; and

23 WHEREAS, TPL collaborated with local organizations including Green Streets, Citizen  
24 Film and the Exploratorium (Studio for Public Spaces) to establish a community-based design  
25 process with park neighbors; and

1           WHEREAS, Beginning in April 2015, Green Streets, Citizen Film, the Exploratorium,  
2 TPL, and RPD conducted a series of public workshops with a community-based Design Task  
3 Force to develop conceptual plans for the Activation Project; and

4           WHEREAS, Through this community process, TPL and the Exploratorium developed a  
5 conceptual plan for installations of non-permanent, mobile and modular structures, including  
6 planters, interpretive signage, and place-making spaces, to be constructed at various  
7 locations along the Mall; and

8           WHEREAS, The concept for the Activation Project includes that each element go  
9 through an iterative process of prototyping, where the Exploratorium and Green Streets will  
10 fabricate certain elements, solicit community feedback, and continue to adjust and modify  
11 designs over a period of several weeks, leading up to final construction; and

12           WHEREAS, On May 18, 2015, the Planning Department issued a Certificate of  
13 Determination that the Activation Project is exempt from the requirements of the California  
14 Environmental Quality Act; and

15           WHEREAS, On July 16, 2015, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted  
16 Resolution No.1507-006, approving the conceptual design for the project, approving the Grant  
17 Agreement between TPL and RPD for the implementation of the Activation Project, and  
18 recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept the Grant-in-Place from TPL valued at  
19 \$187,600; and

20           WHEREAS, The terms and conditions for Design and Construction of the project are  
21 detailed in the Grant Agreement; and

22           WHEREAS, The Grant Agreement requires that the installation of the elements be  
23 completed by September 30, 2015; and

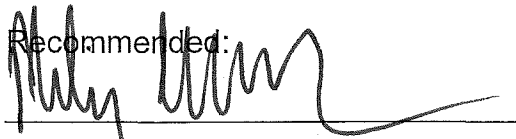
1 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department proposes to maximize use of  
2 available grant funds on program expenditures by excluding indirect costs from the grant  
3 budget; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and Park  
5 Department to accept from TPL a Grant-in-Place valued at \$187,600 for the Buchanan Street  
6 Mall Activation Project; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the department to  
8 exclude indirect costs from the grant budget; and, be it

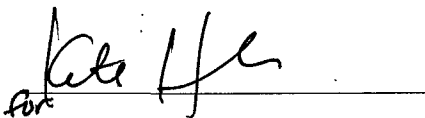
9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and  
10 Park General Manager to enter into any modifications to the grant that the Recreation and  
11 Park General Manager determines, in consultation with the City Attorney, are in the best  
12 interests of the City and do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City, are  
13 necessary or advisable to effectuate the purposes of the grant or this Resolution, and are in  
14 compliance with all applicable laws, including the City's Charter.

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16 Recommended:

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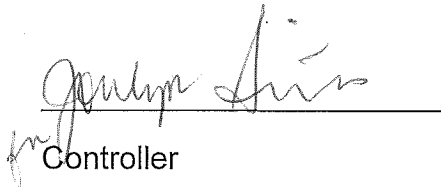
18 General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

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23 Mayor

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23 Controller