

1 [Urging Congress to Provide Funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund]

2 **Resolution urging Congress to provide funding for the Land and Water Conservation**
3 **Fund.**

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5 WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) was established by
6 Congress in 1965 to preserve, develop and assure accessibility to quality outdoor recreation
7 resources “to strengthen the health and vitality of the citizens of the United States;” and

8 WHEREAS, the LWCF funds a federal land acquisition program and provides matching
9 grants to states and localities for capital projects through the State Assistance program; and

10 WHEREAS, the LWCF State Assistance program has invested more than
11 \$287,883,182 in California since 1965 and has funded local projects in San Francisco such as
12 over \$1.6 million for McLaren Park since 1967 and most recently \$102,000 for the Visitacion
13 Greenway Development Improvements and \$115,000 for Buena Vista Park, just to name a
14 few; and

15 WHEREAS, investments from the LWCF program support the creation of public parks
16 in rural and urban communities throughout America, protect green space and local water
17 supplies, guarantee outdoor recreation opportunities, spur economic development, create jobs
18 and significantly aid national efforts to promote health, connect youth to nature and the
19 outdoors, combat childhood obesity and protect the environment; and

20 WHEREAS, the diversion of LWCF funding has severely limited state and local
21 governments in their capacity to develop parks and open spaces and protect green space and
22 local water supplies in light of rapidly increasing populations; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco calls on Congress to provide
24 full and dedicated funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund; and, be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk
2 of the Board to send a letter in support of the LWCF to President Obama, Jon Jarvis, Director
3 of the National Park Service, Christine Lehnertz, Pacific West Regional Director of the
4 National Park Service, Speaker John Boehner, Democratic Leader Congresswoman Nancy
5 Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, Republican Leader Senator Mitch McConnell,
6 Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, and Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

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