

1 [Commitment to Investing in the Safety of Children in Parks and Open Space]

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3 **Resolution reaffirming the Commitment of the City and County of San Francisco to**
4 **invest in the safety of its children in our parks and open space.**

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6 WHEREAS, All forms of violence, physical, psychological, racial, religious, economic
7 and sexual, affect the lives of all San Franciscans; and

8 WHEREAS, Gun violence has taken too many lives in San Francisco including twenty
9 to date in the year 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, On April 27, 2006, Donte White, a part-time recreational employee, was
11 gunned down in Ella Hill Hutch Recreation Center in front of more than 60 children including
12 his own daughter as he led an instructional game of basketball; and

13 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2013, Lawrence Collins was killed at Minnie and Lovie
14 Ward Park while more than 30 adults and teens played 250 feet away; and

15 WHEARAS, On June 27, 2014, over forty children witnessed the horrific murder of
16 Allen Calloway in broad daylight while playing in what should have been a safe and secure
17 location; and

18 WHEREAS, Correlations have been shown between children who experience adverse
19 childhood experiences, such as witnessing violent acts and, poor physical and mental health
20 outcomes; and

21 WHEREAS, High incarceration rates of minority and low income individuals are
22 contributing factors to poor mental health outcomes and cyclical violence that happens
23 disproportionately among the low income, young and minority population in San Francisco;
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1 WHEREAS, Funding for violence prevention programs have been significantly reduced
2 and in some cases eliminated in years past; and

3 WHEREAS, Poor and disenfranchised members of San Francisco's low and moderate
4 income communities are often less likely to cooperate in police investigations; and

5 WHEREAS, Reinvesting and re-committing to the safety of our children in recreational
6 programs and violence prevention programs will further assist in supporting our law
7 enforcement departments; in addition, to restoring the community's sense of safety around
8 Parks and Open Space areas; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco hereby officially condemns all
10 violent acts within and outside of our Parks and Open Space areas; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco will re-commit itself
12 and resources towards preventing homicides and other near lethal violent acts; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, The City and County of San Francisco will work to not only
14 support programs for children and young adults but also support measures to ensure their
15 safety while in these programs.

