

1 [Accept and Expend Bequest - Estate of William Benjamin Bobo - Benches, Park Furnishings
2 and Park Improvements Across San Francisco - \$3,600,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a**
4 **bequest in the amount of approximately \$3,600,000 from the estate of William Benjamin**
5 **Bobo to provide benches, park furnishings and park improvements at various park**
6 **sites across San Francisco, effective upon approval of this Resolution.**

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8 WHEREAS, William Benjamin Bobo, a resident of the City and County of San
9 Francisco, died testate on August 12, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, On January 29, 2024, the Superior Court of the State of California
11 admitted the Decedent's Will dated April 20, 2022 ("Will") to probate and appointed Kim
12 Ridinger executor; and

13 WHEREAS, The Will provides that the Department is to receive eighty percent (80%) of
14 the residue of the Decedent's estate, which distribution is estimated to be approximately
15 \$3,600,000; and

16 WHEREAS, The Will indicated that the distribution to the Department is to be used for
17 the purpose of placing newly built park benches in San Francisco parks which are to display
18 plaques stating, "In Memory of Ben, Rory, and Chad"; and

19 WHEREAS, The Department determined that the Bequest greatly outmatches the
20 intended purpose and worked with the executor to modify the uses of the Bequest while
21 fulfilling its spirit; and

22 WHEREAS, The parties mutually agreed that the Department would utilize the Bequest
23 in three primary ways as follows; and

24 WHEREAS, 40%, approximately \$1,440,000 will be allocated to implement a portion of
25 the Alta Plaza Park master plan including installing one bench plaque in a prominent location

1 with a dedication stating, "*In Memory of Ben, Rory and Chad.*" The decedent, his partner, and
2 their dog lived near Alta Plaza Park; and

3 WHEREAS, The Alta Plaza Master Plan was adopted by the Recreation and Parks
4 Commission on April 21, 2016; use of funds include making repairs to concrete elements and
5 replacing asphalt pathways with concrete paving; unifying site furniture and signage; replacing
6 11 benches and adding 20 new benches on the south and east terraces; and addressing Park
7 accessibility. In honor of the bequest, donor recognition will be added to the existing Alta
8 Plaza donor circle approved in the 2016 Alta Plaza Master Plan; and

9 WHEREAS, 20%, approximately \$720,000 will be allocated to build and install
10 approximately 50 new benches and other park furnishings; each park site will include one
11 plaque with the dedication, "*In Honor of Ben, Rory and Chad*"; and

12 WHEREAS, 40%, approximately \$1,440,000 will be allocated to support the
13 Department's capital project(s) or refurbishments, including but not limited to dog play areas,
14 new parks, and playgrounds, with donor recognition of Decedent's bequest; recognition will
15 comply with the Recreation and Park Commission donor recognition policies and will honor
16 Ben, Rory and Chad; and

17 WHEREAS, On January 16, 2024, the Recreation and Park Commission adopted
18 Resolution No. 2501-006 recommending that the Board of Supervisors authorize the
19 Department to accept the and approved the associated use of funds; and

20 WHEREAS, On June 16, 2025, the probate court presiding over Mr. Bobo's estate will
21 rule on the proposed allocation of funds; and

22 WHEREAS, The City recognizes the generosity of William Benjamin Bobo with sincere
23 appreciation; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the bequest and authorizes the
25 Recreation and Park Department General Manager to accept and expend the bequest in the

1 amount of approximately \$3,600,000 from the estate of William Benjamin Bobo subject to
2 court approval to provide benches, park furnishings and park improvements at various park
3 sites across San Francisco; and, be it

4 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Recreation and
5 Park Department General Manager to execute any further instruments or documents that the
6 General Manager determines, in consultation with the City Attorney, are necessary or
7 advisable to effectuate the purposes of the Bequest or this Resolution, are in the best
8 interests of the City, do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities of the City, and are
9 in compliance with all applicable laws, including the City's Charter.

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11 Recommended:

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13 /s/

14 Phil Ginsburg, General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

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16 Approved:

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19 /s/ Sophia Kittler

20 Mayor Daniel Lurie

/s/ Jocelyn Quintos

Greg Wagner, Controller