

1 [Recreation and Park Department – Naming Parcel 4 as Sutro Dunes.]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco Park Code by renaming Article 1 as "Title and**
4 **General Provisions" and adding Section 1.05 to name the parcel located at the junction**
5 **of the Great Highway and Balboa Street “Sutro Dunes”.**

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

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Section 1. Findings.

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9 The area referred to as Parcel 4 is a 3.3 acre parcel of land located at the junction of
10 the Great Highway and Balboa Street and extends east to La Playa, and north to join with
11 Sutro Heights Park. On October 4, 2007, the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, San
12 Francisco Recreation and Park Department, and the National Park Service signed an
13 agreement regarding Parcel 4, under which the City and County of San Francisco retains
14 ownership of the property and the National Park Service (NPS), through the Golden Gate
15 National Recreation Area (GGNRA), the maintains it.

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17 The Friends of Sutro Heights Park and the Coalition to Save Ocean Beach long
18 partnered with the City and the GGNRA to arrange the public acquisition and subsequent care
19 of Parcel 4. The neighbors worked hard for many years to save this property, on which
20 Playland was previously located, from dense, multi-story housing. Residents of the Outer
21 Richmond take special pride in the area, and under GGNRA supervision, gladly participated in
22 workdays to ensure the quality of experience for visitors to the site. The neighbors of Parcel 4
23 planted over 8,000 dune plants and worked to restore and maintain the site with over 1,000
24 collective volunteer hours. The dunes are currently home to dozens of dune species and
25 many common plants including sagewort, sand verbena, Chamisso lupine, seaside daisy,

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1 dune grass, yarrow, beach strawberry, Indian paintbrush, Amercian dune grass, coast
2 buckwheat, and sea pink.

3 The name Sutro commemorates an outstanding citizen of San Francisco, Adolph
4 Sutro, who purchased and developed land overlooking Ocean Beach and then opened it to
5 the public before eventually becoming the 24th mayor of San Francisco in 1895. The
6 residents of the Outer Richmond see the continuation of the Sutro name for the dunes as an
7 affirmation of a part of the history of San Francisco. The dunes extending from the park are
8 part of the area's natural topography. The best way to understand that topography and the
9 relationship of cliff top to the dunes below are to have them all bear the same name.

10 Usually, the Recreation and Park Commission names property under its jurisdiction,
11 but given the unique stewardship of the neighborhood, the Board of Supervisors wishes to
12 commend the neighbors and honor their work by naming Parcel 4, this beloved neighborhood
13 park, after Adolf Sutro, a true pioneer of public open space.

14 Section 2. The San Francisco Park Code is hereby amended by renaming Article 1 as
15 "Title and General Provisions" and adding Section 1.05, to read as follows:

16 **SEC. 1.05. SUTRO DUNES.**

17 The area known as "Parcel 4" located at the junction of the Great Highway and Balboa Street
18 extending east to La Playa and north to join with Sutro Heights Park, shall be known as Sutro Dunes.

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