

1 [Kate Herrmann Stacy Day - October 29, 2021]

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3 **Resolution declaring October 29, 2021, as Kate Herrmann Stacy Day in the City and**
4 **County of San Francisco, in recognition of her many years of outstanding service in**
5 **the City Attorney's Office and her well-deserved retirement.**

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7 WHEREAS, In March 1989, Kate Stacy joined the City Attorney's Office as a lawyer on
8 its Land Use Team, after graduating in 1985 from the University of Chicago Law School and
9 after practicing real estate and land use law with the Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison law firm;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, For over 32 years, Kate has advised on, defended, or otherwise assisted
12 in projects resulting in thousands of affordable housing units, resilient water infrastructure,
13 revitalized parks and museums, and music and sports events and facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, During that time – from before the Loma Prieta earthquake through the
15 COVID-19 pandemic – Kate's broad knowledge of environmental and land use law has
16 earned her the respect of City clients, colleagues, and City allies and adversaries, alike; and

17 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1999 and for several years thereafter, Kate advised the Fine
18 Arts Museums of San Francisco in its efforts to build a new, state-of-the art facility for the De
19 Young Museum, including playing a central role in the successful defense of a CEQA
20 challenge; and

21 WHEREAS, As General Counsel for the Planning Department, Kate advised five
22 different Planning Directors, five Zoning Administrators, and four Environmental Review
23 Officers, providing outstanding legal advice on countless permits, environmental review,
24 enforcement, and other planning-related matters, at all hours of the day and night, with
25 unflappable calm, stellar recall and clarity, razor-sharp analysis, and genuine creativity; and

1 WHEREAS, In her role as General Counsel to the Planning Commission, Kate has
2 artfully guided the Commission through its evaluation of dense CEQA determinations and
3 complex land use approvals, and provided steady, reliable counsel to the Commission and
4 staff on a wide range of legal issues; and

5 WHEREAS, When the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission sought approval for
6 its over-\$4-billion Water System Improvement Program to improve its 100-year-old water
7 system running through six counties, Kate masterfully advised on CEQA issues to creatively
8 overcome the concerns raised by every major environmental organization in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, By any objective standard, Kate has aided in the development of important
10 land use policies in San Francisco, such as innovative affordable housing programs, by
11 providing sound advice to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office, and Planning
12 Commission about hundreds of ordinances, resolutions, initiative ordinances, and Charter
13 amendments; and

14 WHEREAS, As housing has become an increasingly critical issue across California,
15 Kate has been an invaluable resource to the Planning Commission and other City
16 departments in demystifying a wide range of ever-changing State housing and land use laws
17 in San Francisco; and

18 WHEREAS, As the Land Use Team leader since 2007, and self-described "CEQA
19 nerd," Kate has been indefatigable in her care for her team, and went above and beyond to
20 make every one of the Deputy City Attorneys and staff members on that team feel seen,
21 known, respected, well fed, and professionally challenged; and

22 WHEREAS, Kate Stacy's "big honkin' minivan" (BHM) never missed a Land Use team
23 party, clocking many Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) along the way, all while never allowing the
24 Land Use Team's VMT to rise to a significant impact under CEQA since she always filled up
25 the BHM with lots of team members, driving the VMT per capita down; and

1 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that despite the great loss to
2 the City, the actions contemplated in this Resolution do not constitute a project under CEQA;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors and the City are immeasurably better for Kate's
5 service; and

6 WHEREAS, Kate's service to the City will be ending on October 29, 2021, with her
7 retirement, which, though richly deserved, will be lamented by this Board and others in City
8 government she has so faithfully served; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That in celebration of Kate's outstanding accomplishments and
10 contributions to the City and County of San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors does hereby
11 declare October 29, 2021, to be Kate Herrmann Stacy Day in San Francisco.



City and County of San Francisco

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Resolution

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 211107

Date Passed: October 26, 2021

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October 26, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/26/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

11/05/2021

Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Handwritten signature of Angela Calvillo
Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

11/8/2021
Date