

[Affirming Support for SFUSD's Shared Schoolyards Program]

Resolution affirming the Board of Supervisors' support for San Francisco Unified School District's (SFUSD's) Shared Schoolyards Program and urging the District to explore partnerships that preserve public access to neighborhood schoolyards.

WHEREAS, In 2007, former Mayor Gavin Newsom and the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) signed a historic agreement called the SFUSD and City Partnership for Achievement to build a coherent, comprehensive plan for collaboration; and

WHEREAS, SFUSD facilities are integral public spaces and assets that promote neighborhood ownership, site awareness, shared accountability, and community uses; and

WHEREAS, The Shared Schoolyards Program ("Program") officially launched in 2007 to expand community access to playgrounds and recreational spaces by opening existing schoolyards that were not actively being used on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, The Program model pioneered a multi-department, public-private collaborative partnership with San Francisco Public Works, Recreation and Parks, and non-profit organizations to activate schoolyards and public play spaces; and

WHEREAS, The Mission of the Program is to provide safe and accessible spaces for children and families to gather and play in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, The Program has facilitated additional investment, public stewardship, activation, and greening of SFUSD facilities; and

WHEREAS, By 2015, there were 51 active Shared Schoolyard sites, with private funding covering the bulk of program costs; and

1 WHEREAS, As recently as 2022, the SFUSD Facilities Department provided nearly 38
2 acres of open space across 45 sites for youth, families, and the people of San Francisco to
3 use and enjoy on weekends; and

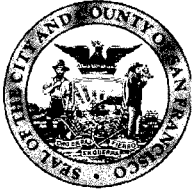
4 WHEREAS, According to SFUSD's 2023 Facilities Master Plan, by the end of the
5 2024-2025 school year, the Program planned for a total of 61 schoolyards to provide more
6 accessible and safe spaces for children and families to play; and

7 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2025, SFUSD announced it will end the Program and public
8 access on July 1, 2025; and

9 WHEREAS, The loss of public access to Shared Schoolyard sites across the city
10 means neighborhood children, youth, and families will have reduced recreational opportunities
11 and open space within a walkable distance of their home; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Board affirms its commitment to partner with SFUSD and
13 communities, further the Mission of the Shared Schoolyards Program, and ensure every child
14 in San Francisco has a place to play within walking distance; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the City and County of San Francisco
16 and SFUSD to explore partnership opportunities to continue the Program and help expand
17 access to underutilized public schoolyards and recreational spaces.



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July 22, 2025 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Chen, Dorsey, Engardio, Fielder, Mahmood, Mandelman, Melgar, Sauter, Sherrill and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/22/2025 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

8/1/2025

Daniel Lurie
Mayor

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 his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

8/1/2025

Date