

1 [Accept and Expend Gift - Polo Fields Maintenance - \$100,000]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the Recreation and Park Department to accept and expend a gift**
4 **from the Baker Street Foundation for \$100,000 for the salary of a gardener at the Polo**
5 **Fields in Golden Gate Park for at least a year.**

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7 WHEREAS, In 2011 the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park underwent a nearly \$1 million
8 renovation project that improved drainage and irrigation; and

9 WHEREAS, The Baker Street Foundation approached the Recreation and Park
10 Department about funding a gardener in Golden Gate Park; and

11 WHEREAS, These fields were once maintained by two full-time gardeners but because
12 of budget cuts are now maintained only on a part-time basis; and

13 WHEREAS, Recreation and Park Department staff determined that adding gardening
14 staff at the Polo Fields was a high priority for the department in order to preserve quality of the
15 turf at this 16-acre sports and events complex; and

16 WHEREAS, Without close attention gophers, weeds and heavy athletic use will
17 undermine the quality of the turf; and

18 WHEREAS, These fields are used by youth and adults from across San Francisco for
19 soccer, lacrosse, rugby and other sports and so serve a city-wide benefit; and

20 WHEREAS, On February 16, 2012, the Recreation and Park Commission voted to
21 recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept this gift; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors approves the Gift and authorizes the
23 Recreation and Park Department General Manager to accept and expend the Gift, and to
24 perform all acts required of the City thereunder; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all actions heretofore taken by the officers of the City
2 with respect to the Gift are hereby approved, confirmed and ratified; and, be it

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

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17 General Manager, Recreation and Park Department

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