

1 [Preservation and Display of First Responder Artifacts and Facilities by Guardians of the City]

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3 **Resolution urging the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD), Police Department**
4 **(SFPD), Sherriff, and Department of Emergency Management (DEM), in consultation**
5 **with the City Attorney's Office, the Purchaser, the Department of Real Estate, and any**
6 **other agencies with jurisdiction over former Fire, Police, or Sherriff's Department**
7 **artifacts and facilities, to consider: (1) preparing an agreement for possible loan of**
8 **historical artifacts and surplus property from SFFD, SFPD, Sherriff, and DEM ("First**
9 **Responder Artifacts") to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization known as Guardians of the**
10 **City (GOTC) for management, research, care, conservation, and public display; (2)**
11 **entering into a lease or other agreements regarding GOTC's use of space in SFFD or**
12 **other City facilities for GOTC's public exhibitions and related administrative activities,**
13 **and possible preservation of historic facilities; and (3) the development of other**
14 **methods of supporting and encouraging the collection, preservation, protection, and**
15 **public display of important First Responder Artifacts and facilities for the benefit of**
16 **current and future generations.**

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18 WHEREAS, The City's Fire, Police, Sherriff, and Emergency Management
19 Departments (the "First Responder Departments") play a critical role in the safety of the City,
20 its residents and visitors; and

21 WHEREAS, The First Responder Departments have irreplaceable historical documents
22 and artifacts that reflect the history of those departments as well as the City; and

23 WHEREAS, Many San Francisco residents and other private individuals have
24 expressed an interest in donating important privately-owned historical artifacts related to first
25 responders; and

1 WHEREAS, The City has a strong interest in encouraging the stewardship and
2 conservation of such artifacts in order to celebrate the heritage and history of the City and
3 County of San Francisco and its First Responder Departments and to recognize the important
4 contributions of the individuals who have dedicated their lives to public safety in San
5 Francisco; and

6 WHEREAS, The City's procedures for the removal of surplus property from the First
7 Responder Departments and other agencies holding First Responder Artifacts could be
8 improved to help better safeguard surplus property that has historical, scientific, aesthetic, or
9 cultural value; and

10 WHEREAS, The Guardians of the City (GOTC) is a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit
11 organization formed by current and former members of the First Responder Departments
12 whose primary purpose is to provide stewardship and conservation of a collection of
13 irreplaceable artifacts that celebrate the heritage and history of the City's First Responder
14 Departments; and

15 WHEREAS, The GOTC plans memorial walls and gardens to honor the first
16 responders who fell in the line of duty as well as exhibitions of First Responder historical
17 artifacts; and

18 WHEREAS, The GOTC plans to curate exhibitions of First Responder photographs,
19 documents, signs, memorabilia, journals, historical uniforms, badges, helmets, equipment,
20 and apparatus at community events, parades, museum facilities, and other City facilities and
21 public venues; and

22 WHEREAS, The GOTC proposes to use space in 1152 Oak Street and in the SFFD
23 Fire Chief's house and other facilities suitable for public display and access for possible public
24 displays and related administrative spaces to support such activities; and

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1 WHEREAS, The GOTC has expressed an interest in helping to support the restoration
2 and preservation of 1152 Oak Street and the SFFD Fire Chief's house for the benefit and
3 enjoyment of the public; and

4 WHEREAS, The GOTC is working in consultation with museum experts to help
5 research and catalogue First Responder Artifacts for the public benefit;

6 WHEREAS, A formal agreement and possible lease with the GOTC could serve the
7 public interest by further confirming the City's support of GOTC's mission and ensuring
8 greater understanding and access to First Responder Artifacts and the rich history that they
9 represent;

10 Now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby urges the San Francisco
12 Fire Department (SFFD), Police Department (SFPD), Sherriff, and Department of Emergency
13 Management (DEM), in consultation with the City Attorney's Office, the Purchaser, the
14 Department of Real Estate, and any other agencies with jurisdiction over former Fire, Police,
15 or Sherriff's Department artifacts and facilities, to consider (1) preparing an agreement for
16 possible loan of historical artifacts and surplus property from SFFD, SFPD, Sherriff, and DEM
17 ("First Responder Artifacts") to a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization known as Guardians of the
18 City (GOTC) for management, research, care, conservation, and public display, (2) entering
19 into a lease or other agreements regarding GOTC's use of space in SFFD or other City
20 facilities for GOTC's public exhibitions and related administrative activities, and possible
21 preservation of historic facilities, and (3) development of other methods of supporting and
22 encouraging the collection, preservation, protection, and public display of important First
23 Responder Artifacts and facilities for the benefit of current and future generations.