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[Supporting funding for the application by the Mexican Museum to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 grant funds]

Resolution supporting funding for the application by the Mexican Museum to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 grant funds.

WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 (Proposition 40), which provides funds to the State of California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) Grant Program for awarding to culturally significant projects that involve, serve, and celebrate the underserved and untold stories of California; and

WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum is located within the City and County of San Francisco and is the only museum of its kind on the West Coast, housing a unique and world-class collection of 12,000 works of art that warrant a state-of-the-art home to preserve and protect them; and,

WHEREAS, The Mexican's Museum's new building will complete the development of the culturally significant Museum Row located in the Yerba Buena District of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The history of Mexico and Mexican-Americans and all Americans of Latin American decent in California is an integral part of the history of California in general and San Francisco in particular and should therefore be included in the preservation of California's most important historical and cultural assets; and,

WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum applied to the CCHE for funding in Round 1 and was recommended by staff for funding but subsequently not selected by the CCHE Board; and,

WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum responded to constructive comments by CCHE staff from Round 1 and improved the strength of its application even further by securing over \$4 million in private sector contributions to its capital campaign, deepening its outreach into the community, and strengthening the long-term business plan for the Museum, so that the Round 2 application was even stronger; and,

WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum is the only project applicant from San Francisco within its division, Division 2 for Capital Grants, and the only Latino-focused capital grant application in the entire San Francisco Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, The Mexican Museum has again been recommended to the CCHE Board to receive \$3 million, but there are \$72 million worth of projects competing statewide and only \$43 million available in Round 2, and the CCHE Board meets on April 27-28, 2006, to make final grantee recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, It would be a smart and strong leveraging of existing local community and City and County government resources to secure state funding for the Mexican Museum project, specifically because the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency has \$18 million earmarked for the Museum project, Millennium Partners has provided an additional \$4 million, and the Museum has secured \$4 million more totaling well over \$26 million to match the state funds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco supports full funding of the Round 2 application of the Mexican Museum to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment for Proposition 40 funds; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco urges the Board of the California Cultural and Historical Endowment to approve the application by the Mexican Museum for \$3 million to construct the new museum building.



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April 18, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, Mirkarimi, Peskin,

Sandoval

Excused: 2 - Alioto-Pier, McGoldrick

April 18, 2006 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on April 18, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

04.20.06

Date Approved