

1 [Add Sunday hours at neighborhood branch libraries.]

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3 **Resolution urging the Library Commission to add Sunday hours at neighborhood**
4 **branch libraries.**

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6 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library system consists of a Main Library and
7 twenty-seven neighborhood branch libraries; and

8 WHEREAS, Nineteen neighborhood branch libraries are being renovated and five new
9 neighborhood branch libraries are being constructed under the Branch Library Improvement
10 Program (BLIP); and

11 WHEREAS, Five neighborhood branch libraries are currently closed for BLIP-funded
12 seismic reinforcement, accessibility improvements and modernization; and

13 WHEREAS, The Main Library and five neighborhood branch libraries- Chinatown,
14 Excelsior, Mission and Richmond- have permanent Sunday hours and the Merced, North
15 Beach and Parkside neighborhood branch libraries have temporary Sunday hours while
16 neighboring branches are closed for renovation; and

17 WHEREAS, Fifteen of the twenty-seven neighborhood branch libraries, including seven
18 of the nine neighborhood branch libraries serving the City's southeastern neighborhoods, are
19 closed on Sundays. (i.e. Mission and Excelsior branches are open on Sundays while Potrero,
20 Bernal Heights, Bayview/Anna E. Waden, Portola, Visitation Valley, Ocean View and Ingleside
21 branches are closed on Sundays and most are also closed on Mondays); and

22 WHEREAS, System wide Sunday hours in San Francisco neighborhood branch
23 libraries would enable persons whose circumstances prevent them from using their
24 neighborhood branch library during current weekday or Saturday hours or from traveling to the
25 Main or a branch facility open on Sundays, would maximize the availability of library materials

1 and resources to all San Franciscans, and would further the Library system's stated mission
2 to ensure: "free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning, and the
3 joys of reading for our diverse community;" and

4 WHEREAS, Under the City Charter, the Library Commission establishes the hours of
5 operation for the Main Library and its branches; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Library Commission to establish
7 permanent Sunday service hours throughout the neighborhood branch library system; and, be
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9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Library Commission
10 to allocate funds from its current fiscal year budget to add Sunday hours at least to a
11 neighborhood branch library located in one or more of the City's southeastern neighborhoods,
12 giving particular consideration to the new Ocean View Branch which opened in 2000 and will
13 not be closed for renovations; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED That, to the extent that the Library Commission currently lacks
15 funding to establish permanent Sunday hours in all neighborhood branch libraries, the Board
16 of Supervisors urges the Library Commission to add permanent Sunday hours as funding
17 permits to branch neighborhood libraries on an equitable basis, taking into consideration the
18 geographic and demographic factors of each branch, to the end that San Franciscans of all
19 socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds in every neighborhood throughout the City will have
20 access to a nearby branch library on Sundays; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED That the Board of Supervisors urges the Library Commission
22 to add temporary Sunday hours to the service hours at neighborhood branch libraries where
23 the Library is adding hours to accommodate temporary closure of neighboring branches for
24 renovations; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library measure issuance of library cards and branch
2 usage during Sunday service hours at neighborhood branch libraries where the Library
3 Commission has added Sunday hours under this Resolution and report back on such usage
4 to the Library Commission.

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