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[Commending Nancy Wuerfel for Her Exemplary Advocacy]

for her dedicated service to the citizens of San Francisco.

Resolution commending Nancy Wuerfel for her exemplary advocacy and stewardship
in promoting preservation and conservation efforts in the City and County of San
Francisco, recognizing her significant contributions to historic preservation,
environmental protection, and neighborhood-based planning, and expressing gratitude

WHEREAS, Nancy Wuerfel has demonstrated exceptional dedication and proficiency in various areas of public service within the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's involvement in local politics began in 2001 when she joined Supervisor Peskin's efforts to halt the expansion of San Francisco International Airport's runways; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's expertise was honed at San Francisco General Hospital, where she efficiently managed the billing of insurance companies for doctors' professional fees, streamlining the process, ensuring timely claim submissions, and prompt payment from insurance providers, which equipped her with invaluable skills in financial management and navigating complex institutional budgets, skills that she later applied to San Francisco City budget; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's commitment to understanding and analyzing the City budget was exemplary, as each year she eagerly awaited the release of the Mayor's Budget and promptly visited the City Controller's Office to secure one of the limited paper copies available to the public, dedicating days to meticulously studying the document and skillfully deciphering the intricate details of departmental expenditures, a task that often perplexed the general public, thereby fostering strong relationships with the Controller's Office staff and personnel

1	from City Departments such as Recreation & Parks (RPD) and the Public Utilities Commission
2	(PUC); and
3	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel is an unwavering advocate for historic preservation,
4	demonstrating profound care in maintaining her own 1918 home, which was among the first in
5	the Parkside neighborhood, and making substantial contributions to numerous historic
6	preservation initiatives, including the recent Trocadero Club House Landmark Designation;
7	and
8	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel played a pivotal role in reopening Parkside Elementary
9	School, spearheading the construction of the Dianne Feinstein School through community
10	mobilization and advocacy; and
11	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel actively engaged in park-related matters, dedicating nine
12	years of service on the Park, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC)
13	representing District 4, while simultaneously demonstrating her unwavering commitment by
14	vehemently opposing the plan of the RPD Natural Areas Program (NAP) to remove healthy
15	non-native trees solely based on their non-native status; and
16	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel, with unwavering dedication, committed herself to attending
17	every meeting of the Natural Areas Program Citizens Advisory Committee (NAPCAC) for an
18	entire year, her tireless support proving instrumental in successfully reducing the initially
19	planned destruction of trees by NAP, while also playing a significant role in preventing the
20	RPD NAP from securing a State grant that would have led to the destructive alteration of the
21	trail surrounding Pine Lake; and
22	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's impact extended to negotiating an agreement for the
23	reintroduction of quail at Harding Park Golf Course, a collaboration led by Jared Blumenfeld
24	during his tenure as Director of San Francisco's Department of the Environment; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's commitment to thorough research shone through her
meticulous approach as she delved into original documents, immersing herself to gain a
comprehensive understanding of the issues she cared about, exemplified by her extensive
study of the original agreements between San Francisco and neighboring Peninsula cities
concerning water allocation from Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, consistently relying on factual
documentation to support her statements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel understood the potential danger of fire conflagration resulting from earthquakes, recognizing the vulnerability of wooden homes in close proximity, leading her to advocate passionately for the extension of the Auxiliary Water Supply System (AWSS) to cover the Sunset, Richmond, and southeastern areas of the City, while also championing the construction of a pump station to draw water from the ocean near Ocean Beach, thereby guaranteeing an unlimited water supply for an extended AWSS on the City's western side; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel, as an original member of the Steering Committee of San Francisco Ocean Edge, played a pivotal role in diligently fighting against the Beach Chalet Soccer Fields project, an initiative that sought to install artificial turf and sports lighting on designated wild open space in the western end of Golden Gate Park, and worked to raise public awareness, resulting in a comprehensive environmental impact assessment, appeals made to state court, and a full hearing before the California Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's commitment to preserving Golden Gate Park was evident through her active participation in the Golden Gate Park Preservation Alliance Steering Committee, where she collaborated with other community members to effectively oppose the construction of the Westside Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) within the park's western end, a designated 'wild' parkland area, and as a direct result of their collective efforts, the PUC

1	ultimately made the decision to relocate the WWTP to the site of the existing Oceanside
2	Water Pollution Control Plant; and
3	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel's dedication extended to her active involvement with the
4	longstanding neighborhood group, Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee
5	(SPEAK), where she served on the Board of Directors for many years, and SPEAK, has
6	consistently played a crucial role in neighborhood-based planning, architecture, and historic
7	preservation initiatives, further highlighting the impact of Ms. Wuerfel's contributions; and
8	WHEREAS, Ms. Wuerfel also served as Chair on the Coalition for San Francisco
9	Neighborhoods (CSFN) Open Space Committee, further demonstrating her commitment to
10	protecting and enhancing open spaces within the city; now, therefore, be it
11	RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
12	wholeheartedly commends Nancy Wuerfel for her outstanding and invaluable service to the
13	people of the City and County of San Francisco.
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(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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	10.	Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on
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