

1 [Gift Acceptance - Powell Street Promenade]

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3 **Resolution acknowledging and accepting the Union Square Business Improvement**
4 **District's gift of the Powell Street Promenade on Powell Street, between Geary**
5 **Boulevard and Ellis Street, and dedicating these improvements to public use.**
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7 WHEREAS, Powell Street, between Geary Boulevard and Ellis Street, witnesses over
8 100,000 pedestrians during the course of a typical weekend as well as significant numbers of
9 pedestrians during weekdays; and

10 WHEREAS, The sidewalks along Powell Street are narrow given the volume of
11 pedestrians who use them; and

12 WHEREAS, The Powell Street Promenade ("Promenade") is a temporary sidewalk
13 improvement project along Powell Street between Geary Boulevard and Ellis Street. The
14 Promenade extends the length of the sidewalk generally six feet on both the east and west
15 sides of the street into the parking lane and provides space for the general public to walk, sit,
16 relax, and enjoy the urban environment; and

17 WHEREAS, Walter Hood of Hood Design, in consultation with City staff, developed the
18 design of the Promenade. The design includes, but is not limited to, eight segments that
19 extend the sidewalk approximately 6'2", providing space for landscaping, furniture, and bicycle
20 parking. A copy of the approved plans of the Promenade are on file with the Clerk of the
21 Board in File No. 110913 and are incorporated herein by reference; and

22 WHEREAS, On April 4, 2011, the Interdepartmental Staff Committee on Traffic and
23 Transportation (ISCOTT) considered the Promenade proposal; and
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1 WHEREAS, ISCOTT issued a temporary use permit for the Promenade subject to the
2 requirement to obtain a temporary use permit issued from the Department of Public Works;
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4 WHEREAS, The Municipal Transportation Agency and the Department of Public Works
5 have reviewed and approved the design of the Promenade; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 19, 2011, the Department of Public Works issued Permit No.
7 179,324 that authorized installation of the Promenade and other activities related to this
8 project; and

9 WHEREAS, Audi of America ("Audi") gave a generous donation to the Union Square
10 Business Improvement District to fund the design, construction, and installation costs of the
11 Promenade; and

12 WHEREAS, The Union Square Business Improvement District ("BID") has engaged
13 Atthowe Fine Arts Services to install the Promenade; and

14 WHEREAS, The Union Square BID's gift, as further detailed in the donation form and
15 the Department of Public Works permit for this project, includes the temporary improvements
16 associated with the Promenade, their installation and continued maintenance by the BID, and
17 removal of the temporary improvements at the end of the term contemplated in the permit. A
18 copy of the donation form is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.
19 110913 and is incorporated herein by reference; and

20 WHEREAS, This gift is valued at \$890,000; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors gratefully acknowledges the Union Square
22 BID's gift of the Powell Street Promenade to the City and County of San Francisco, subject to
23 the Union Square BID's ongoing maintenance and service obligations to Audi with respect to
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1 the Promenade and subject to Audi's intellectual property ownership rights in the project
2 (including its ownership of the design of the Promenade); and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board hereby accepts this gift to the City and
4 dedicates said temporary improvements to public use.