

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - California Arts Council's Artist in Schools Grant - \$9,600]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to retroactively accept and**
4 **expend a grant in the amount of \$9,600 from the California Arts Council for the**
5 **WritersCorps Program at Mission High School.**

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7 WHEREAS, WritersCorps, a project of the San Francisco Arts Commission and San
8 Francisco Public Library, places professional writers in community settings to teach creative
9 writing to youth; and

10 WHEREAS, Since WritersCorps' inception in 1994, the program has helped nearly
11 17,000 young people from neighborhoods throughout San Francisco improve their literacy
12 and increase their desire to learn; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of the high-quality learning experience WritersCorps
14 provides, was presented with the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award by First
15 Lady Michelle Obama in 2010 and invited back to the White House for a White House Poetry
16 Night in 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission's WritersCorps as an eligible applicant to the
18 California Arts Council's Artist in Schools grant, which integrates professional artists and arts
19 organizations into a standard-based program, underscoring the critical role the arts play in
20 shaping a student's overall well-being and academic achievement; and

21 WHEREAS, The California Arts Council's Artist in Schools grant award supports the
22 residency of a WritersCorps teaching artist at Mission High School in San Francisco that will
23 conduct weekly creative writing classes for a minimum of 28 weeks with approximately 100
24 students throughout the school year; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission proposes to maximize use of available grant funds
2 on program expenditures by not including indirect costs in the grant budget; now, therefore,
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby waives inclusion of indirect costs in
5 the grant budget; and, be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors allows for retroactively
7 accepting and expending this awarded California Arts Council Artist in Schools grant to the
8 Arts Commission, with a grant cycle of 10/1/11-6/30/12; and, be it

9 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Arts Commission's request, which has been funded
10 and involves no ASO amendments, be carried out in accordance with all grant requirements
11 and may be spent and reported on accordingly.

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13 Recommended: _____

14 Department Head: Tom DeCaigny, Director of Cultural Affairs

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16 Approved: _____

17 Mayor Edwin M. Lee

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19 Approved: _____

20 Controller

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