Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to retroactively accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$40,000 from the Walter and Elise Haas Fund's Creative Work Fund for the WritersCorps Project with Leticia Hernández, "Dar A Luz."

[Accept and Expend Grant - Walter and Elise Haas Fund's Creative Work Fund - \$40,000]

WHEREAS, WritersCorps, is a nationally recognized, award-winning program that improves the literacy and writing skills for educationally and economically disadvantaged youth through long-term, intensive creative writing workshops with professional writers; and

WHEREAS, WritersCorps has for more than 16 years helped nearly 17,000 young people from neighborhoods throughout San Francisco improve their literacy and desire to learn; and

WHEREAS, Leticia Hernández, a spoken word artist, writer, and recipient of the William Carlos Williams Poetry Prize from the Academy of Poets in 1996; 2009 KQED Latino Local Hero Honoree; and a 2011 CantoMundo Fellow; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hernández, in collaboration with WritersCorps was among 18 awards given to Northern California artists for the creation of new works in the fields of literary and traditional arts; and

WHEREAS, The grant project, *Dar A Luz*, as funded by the Walter and Elise Haas Fund's Creative Work Fund, proposes an artistic collaboration between WritersCorps and artist Leticia Hernández with four main objectives: 1) Hold workshops at Hilltop High School and create a collection of poetry for performance about pregnancy and motherhood; 2) An exhibit of photography and sound installation; 3) A website; and 4) A two-part spoken word performance at Galería de la Raza; and

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June 05, 2012 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Olague and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/5/2012 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Date Approved