

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Ten and Under Tennis - \$30,300]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department (RPD) to**
4 **retroactively accept and expend an in-kind grant from the United States Tennis**
5 **Association (USTA) NorCAL, valued at \$30,300 to equip and line 71 tennis courts city-**
6 **wide for Ten and Under Tennis.**

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8 WHEREAS, USTA NorCAL is one of the 17 sections of the United States Tennis
9 Association (USTA), the governing body for the sport of tennis and the recognized leader in
10 promoting and developing the sport's growth in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 7, 2010, the USTA passed new criteria governing
12 competition for Ten and Under Tennis (TAUT) tournaments; and

13 WHEREAS, The new criteria requires that all USTA TAUT tournaments be played
14 using lighter, slower-moving and lower-bouncing balls, smaller and lighter racquets, and
15 smaller courts; and

16 WHEREAS, The game of tennis is following the formula that the majority of youth
17 sports have used for years – tailoring equipment and courts to a child's size and age so that
18 they develop skills and have fun right from the start; and

19 WHEREAS, These changes are significant as they will make it easier for more children
20 to acquire skills and enjoyment early, encouraging them to continue with the sport; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to the USTA, the criteria change is supported by the
22 International Tennis Federation, the Tennis Industry Association, and teaching professionals
23 across the country; and

24 WHEREAS, USTA NorCAL has generously supported RPD with an in-kind grant to
25 equip and line 71 tennis courts at 21 locations city-wide for Ten and Under Tennis; and

