

1 [Cayuga Park Day - August 17, 2013]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the grand reopening of Cayuga Park, commending the**  
4 **Recreation and Park Department, Department of Public Works, Arts Commission,**  
5 **Cayuga Improvement Association, and the entire project team, for their hard work and**  
6 **commitment to San Francisco's parks and its residents, and declaring August 17, 2013,**  
7 **as Cayuga Park Day in the City and County of San Francisco.**

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9 WHEREAS, Cayuga Park is one of San Francisco's hidden gems, located in the  
10 Cayuga Terrace neighborhood, tucked away amidst housing, the I-280 freeway, and BART  
11 tracks; and

12 WHEREAS, As part of the 2008 Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks Bond, San  
13 Francisco residents voted to allocate over \$7 million to the renovation of this unique park in  
14 the Cayuga Terrace neighborhood; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to the support of the 2008 Park Bond, the project funding also  
16 includes \$710,000 from a Proposition 84 Urban Greening Project Grant and \$1.4 million from  
17 BART; and

18 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Department, in partnership with the Department  
19 of Public Works and the Cayuga Improvement Association, facilitated a strong community  
20 design process including renovation of the play area, tennis and basketball courts; restoration  
21 of existing pathways; upgrades to the irrigation and lighting systems; accessibility  
22 improvements for ADA compliance; construction of a new club house with a living roof; overall  
23 reconditioning of the park landscape and sitting areas; and increasing the park footprint by  
24 8,400 square feet by transferring a portion of land on Cayuga Avenue; and

25 WHEREAS, Cayuga Park is perhaps best known for its wooden sculptures by Demetrio

1 (Demie) Braceros, a longtime, retired gardener, who transformed the park’s naturalistic  
2 surroundings with works of art that attract visitors locally and internationally; and

3 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Arts Commission played an important role in an art  
4 enrichment program and the documentation and preservation of Demie’s 300 plus wooden  
5 sculptures at the park; and

6 WHEREAS, The members of the Cayuga Improvement Association and nearby  
7 residents have been actively engaged and strong advocates in all phases of Cayuga Park  
8 design and renovation; and

9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco and its community partners will  
10 celebrate the grand reopening of Cayuga Park on August 17, 2013; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
12 commends the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, the Department of Public  
13 Works, the San Francisco Arts Commission, the Cayuga Improvement Association, and the  
14 entire project team for their dedication and hard work to preserve and improve open space in  
15 San Francisco and their contribution to make our City home to the best urban park system in  
16 the region; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
18 Francisco hereby declares August 17, 2013 as Cayuga Park Day.

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