

**RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION**  
**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Resolution No. 1401-009**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SAN FRANCISCO ARTS  
COMMISSION'S APPLICATION FOR A \$100,000 GRANT FROM THE  
BANK OF AMERICA ART CONSERVATION PROJECT FOR THE  
RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION OF THE COIT TOWER  
MURALS.**

WHEREAS, The 27 historic murals in Coit Tower were created by 25 artists in 1934, and are considered among the finest examples of fresco painting in the United States; and

WHEREAS, These murals constitute one of the largest single collections of Works Progress Administration (WPA) era murals in one location; and

WHEREAS, In June of 2012, a comprehensive conditions assessment report was produced by Architectural Resources Group/Conservation Services (ARG/CS) which identified needed repairs and improvements related to Coit Tower as well as the historic murals that line its interior; and

WHEREAS, Coit Tower is currently undergoing the most extensive restoration of its history, a \$1,750,000 capital project based on the recommendations from ARG/CS which will restore and rehabilitate the 80-year old tower and the murals; and

WHEREAS, As part of this capital project, the Recreation and Park Department (“the Department”) is expending \$250,000 to fund a comprehensive restoration of the murals by the Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Department also intends to propose in its annual budget to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration that 1% of all gross revenues generated from the concessions at Coit Tower be allocated to the Arts Commission to provide an ongoing dedicated funding source for maintenance and protection of the murals; and

WHEREAS, In addition, as part of the mural restoration project, the Arts Commission seeks to improve didactic signage and interactive features, assess and improve protective barriers where necessary, and implement an annual inspection and maintenance program to ensure the longevity of conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, The Arts Commission has applied for a grant in the amount of \$100,000 from the Bank of America Art Conservation Project to fund these additional restorative and protective enhancements for the murals; and

WHEREAS, The Department shares the goal with the Arts Commission of preserving and protecting the historic appearance of the 80-year old frescoes and providing for additional information about the murals through didactic signage; and


WHEREAS, The Department is supportive of efforts which will provide additional funding for the betterment of the historic murals; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Department supports the Arts Commission’s application for a \$100,000 grant from the Bank of America Art Conservation Project for the restoration and conservation of the Coit Tower murals.

Adopted by the following vote:

Ayes	6
Noes	0
Absent	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution  
was adopted at the Recreation and Park  
Commission meeting held on January 23, 2014



Margaret A. McArthur, Commission Liaison