

1 [Opposing the System of Renting Grass at Any San Francisco Public Park]

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3 **Resolution urging the Recreation and Parks Department to discontinue permanently**  
4 **the pilot program whereby individuals can reserve open space at Mission Dolores Park**  
5 **and urging the Recreation and Parks Department to discontinue any such rental**  
6 **program for any grass plot throughout San Francisco public parks.**

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8 WHEREAS, Mission Dolores Park has been a San Francisco public space since its  
9 establishment in 1906; and

10 WHEREAS, The Park is among the most well-known and popular of San Francisco's  
11 parks and hosts numerous festivals, events and informal gatherings every year; and

12 WHEREAS, On a sunny weekend, the Park can host 7,000 to 10,000 visitors; and

13 WHEREAS, Mission Dolores Park only just recently fully re-opened after a multi-year  
14 renovation; and

15 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department has recently begun  
16 a pilot program to allow residents to reserve plots of grass at the Park for at least seven hours  
17 at a time; and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco already suffers from a widening gap between the very  
19 wealthy and everyone else; and

20 WHEREAS, Our public parks have been one area that is open to residents regardless  
21 of income; and

22 WHEREAS, San Francisco has a \$9,000,000,000 budget that supports parks and park  
23 services; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Recreation and Parks Department mission is to “provide enriching  
2 recreational activities, maintain beautiful parks and preserve the environment for the well-  
3 being of our diverse community;” and

4           WHEREAS, Allowing small grassy portions of our publicly financed parks to be rented  
5 to groups and individuals based on their ability to pay the fee(s) goes against that mission  
6 statement and against efforts to expand access to open spaces to all members of our  
7 community; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors moves to disapprove of this program to  
9 limit access to public spaces; and, be it

10          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and Parks  
11 Department to immediately and permanently end the rental pilot program at Mission Dolores  
12 Park; and, be it

13          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and Parks  
14 Department to immediately and permanently end any such similar grassy plot rental programs  
15 currently in existence throughout San Francisco’s public park system; and, be it

16          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Recreation and  
17 Parks Department to ensure that there is an open dialogue and process of engagement with  
18 the public prior to implementing any future program to rent grass plots in any of the San  
19 Francisco public parks.

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