

1 [Accept and Expend Gift - Comfort Women Justice Coalition - "*Comfort Women's*" *Column of*
2 *Strength*, and Artwork Maintenance - Total Gift Value of \$398,000]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to accept a**
4 **gift of art, entitled *The "Comfort Women's" Column of Strength*, valued at \$190,000**
5 **from the "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition, a non-profit organization, for display in a**
6 **new plaza adjacent to St. Mary's Square known as St. Mary's Extension; and**
7 **retroactively authorizing the Arts Commission to accept and expend a donation from**
8 **the "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition of \$208,000 for the purpose of maintaining the**
9 **artwork for a period not less than 20 years, for a total gift value of \$398,000.**

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11 WHEREAS, On September 22, 2015, the Board of Supervisors, passed a resolution
12 urging the City and County of San Francisco to establish a memorial for "Comfort Women"
13 and to educate the community about stopping global human trafficking of women and girls, a
14 copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 150764,
15 Resolution No. 354-15, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth
16 fully herein; and

17 WHEREAS, The "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition, a not for profit organization,
18 (Donor) conducted a national competition to select the design proposal for the memorial
19 (Artwork), and after a period of public display of the proposals and period of public comment,
20 an art selection panel convened to choose the winning proposal, The "*Comfort Women's*"
21 *Column of Strength* by Steven Whyte ("Artist"); and

22 WHEREAS, The Donor has raised \$190,000 to commission the Artwork and an
23 additional \$208,000, an amount estimated by a qualified art conservator in conjunction with
24 the Arts Commission as being adequate to maintain the artwork (Maintenance Endowment)
25 for a period of no less than 20 years, for a total gift value of \$398,000; and

1 WHEREAS, The Donor has commissioned Artist to design and fabricate the Artwork;
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3 WHEREAS, The 500 Pine St. Company, LLC (Developer) has approved the installation
4 of the Artwork on the improved open space, known as St. Mary's Square Extension (Site),
5 adjacent to their development on 500 Pine St., and whereas 500 Pine St. Co., under a
6 separate agreement pending with the City, has agreed to transfer St. Mary's Square
7 Extension to the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Dept. (Client) whereupon it will become
8 City property; and

9 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission, the City agency responsible for approving the
10 placement of artwork on city property under authority of Charter Section 5.101 and 5.103, has
11 approved the Artist's design and the text on the identification plaque pursuant to Resolution
12 Nos. 0109-17-012 and 0206-17-025, respectively, and has agreed to accept the Artwork as a
13 gift on behalf of the City upon the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement between the
14 Arts Commission and the Donor dated August 3, 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, The Arts Commission has entered into an agreement with the Artist
16 regarding their mutual rights and responsibilities related to the Artwork; now therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Arts Commission to accept the
18 gift of Artwork entitled *The "Comfort Women's" Column of Strength* by Steven Whyte on terms
19 agreed upon by the Arts Commission and the Donor and the Artist and to accept and expend
20 the gift of the Maintenance Endowment to conserve and maintain the Artwork conditionally on
21 the approval of the Board of Supervisors of the transfer of property from 500 Pine St.
22 Company, LLC to the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department for the St. Mary's
23 Square Extension site.

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1 Approved: _____

2 Mayor Edwin Lee

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