

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

4 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the San Francisco Arts Commission to accept a**
5 **gift of art, entitled *The "Comfort Women's" Column of Strength*, valued at \$190,000 and**
6 **accept and expend a donation from the "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition of \$208,000**
7 **for the purpose of maintaining the artwork, entitled the "*Comfort Women's*" *Column of***
8 ***Strength*, for a period not less than 20 years.**

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

16 WHEREAS, The "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition, a not for profit organization,
17 (Donor) commissioned the "*Comfort Women's*" *Column of Strength* by Steven Whyte ("Artist");
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19 WHEREAS, *The "Comfort Women's" Column of Strength* was subsequently installed at
20 St. Mary's Square Extension (Site) pursuant to the approval of the San Francisco Arts
21 Commission, the City agency responsible for approving the placement of artwork on city
22 property under authority of Charter Section 5.101 and 5.103; and

23 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Arts Commission also previously approved the Artist's
24 design and the text on the identification plaque pursuant to Resolution Nos. 0109-17-012 and
25 0206-17-025, respectively, and agreed to accept the Artwork as a gift on behalf of the City

1 upon the terms and conditions set forth in an agreement between the Arts Commission and
2 the Donor dated August 3, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, St. Mary's Square Extension is currently the property of the City and
4 County of San Francisco; and

5 WHEREAS, The Donor has raised \$208,000, an amount estimated by a qualified art
6 conservator in conjunction with the San Francisco Arts Commission as being adequate to
7 maintain the artwork (Maintenance Endowment) for a period of no less than 20 years; and

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

10 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Arts Commission to accept the
11 Artwork and accept and expend the gift of the Maintenance Endowment to conserve and
12 maintain the Artwork located at the Site.

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15 Approved: _____

16 Mayor Edwin Lee

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19 Controller

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