

1 [Affirming the Board of Supervisors Commitment to the Environmental Protection, Public  
2 Recreation, and Youth Education in Clipper Cove]

3 **Resolution responding to the recent proposal to expand the private marina located in**  
4 **Clipper Cove at Treasure Island; and reaffirming San Francisco’s commitment to public**  
5 **recreation, public education, environmental protection, preservation of public open**  
6 **space, and social equity.**

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8 WHEREAS, Redevelopment of Clipper Cove at Treasure Island (“Clipper Cove”) raises  
9 critical issues of financial liability, public access, social equity and environmental protection;  
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11 WHEREAS, Clipper Cove is the largest protected open-water cove in the City and  
12 County of San Francisco and offers a geography of calm water and moderated winds  
13 removed from strong tidal currents thus providing a uniquely safe environment for youth  
14 learning to sail; and

15 WHEREAS, The waters of Clipper Cove are held in trust for the public benefit of the  
16 people of California; and

17 WHERAS, Clipper Cove is an important resource for public recreation, particularly  
18 small boat recreation, and is home to the only community sailing center in San Francisco; and

19 WHEREAS, Clipper Cove is the site of youth public education programs, including a  
20 STEM program that serves each year over 1,500 students from public elementary schools in  
21 San Francisco, many of whom are from low-income communities and would otherwise have  
22 no opportunity to experience the Bay in this manner and further as public recreation and  
23 public education on Clipper Cove have expanded dramatically in the 13 years since the  
24 certification of the environmental impact report (EIR) on marina development in Clipper Cove,  
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1 approved by the San Francisco Planning Department and the Treasure Island Development  
2 Authority on May 5, 2005, by Motion No. 17020 and Resolution No. 05-0157-5105; and

3 WHEREAS, Clipper Cove hosts beds of eelgrass, a critically important keystone  
4 species in the San Francisco Bay and one of the rarest habitats in; and further as the National  
5 Marine Fisheries California Eelgrass Mitigation Policy calls for no net loss of eelgrass habitat  
6 function in California; and

7 WHEREAS, The Treasure Island Development Authority recently put forward a marina  
8 redevelopment proposal from Treasure Island Enterprises (“TIE”); and further as TIE working  
9 cooperatively with community stakeholders has developed an alternative proposal, Exhibit A;  
10 and further as the aforesaid redevelopment proposal would demolish the existing marina in  
11 Clipper Cove; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of California has published a feasibility study on a larger marina  
13 proposal for Clipper Cove that identified issues regarding sedimentation, dredging, and  
14 budgeting, and further as professional biological expert opinion has identified the potential of  
15 new sedimentation and maintenance dredging stemming from changes in wave action as a  
16 potentially significant and unmitigated threat to eelgrass beds in the Cove; and

17 WHEREAS, The new marina plan, Exhibit A will require further review by agencies and  
18 regulatory bodies with jurisdiction over the project; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors finds that the footprint of the  
20 new marina is consistent with the vision of marina development in the Reuse Plan for  
21 Treasure Island Naval Station approved by the Board of Supervisors and further finds this  
22 footprint upholds the principle that marina redevelopment in Clipper Cove should not diminish  
23 the character of existing public recreation and public education on Clipper Cove, including  
24 most interim uses; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, Marina redevelopment should not harm the existing  
2 environmental resources of Clipper Cove, particularly the critically important eelgrass beds in  
3 the Cove; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, Marina redevelopment in Clipper Cove should not cause  
5 diminished water depth in other areas of the Cove, TIDA should be responsible for addressing  
6 siltation in these areas, and TIDA should develop a plan to mitigate this risk; and, be it

7           FURTHER RESOLVED, Marina redevelopment should provide some consideration for  
8 current tenants in small and medium berths; and, be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors calls upon the appropriate city  
10 agencies and regulatory bodies to conduct appropriate environmental review for this project;  
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12           FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors calls for a financial analysis to  
13 assess proposed financing, projected revenue, and projected expenses for the proposed  
14 marina development.

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