

[Golden Gate Park—Authorization to Construct Skate Park.]

Ordinance making environmental findings and authorizing the creation of a skate park in the area known as "the horseshoe pits" pursuant to Charter Section 4.113.

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Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. **Findings.** The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference.

Skateboarding continues to grow as a recreational activity in San Francisco, and the City, in addition to enforcing restrictions on the use of inappropriate public space, needs to find locations for skateboarders to practice and demonstrate their skills. The competitive draw of challenging City monuments and fixtures results in continuing damage to City property and ongoing, expensive repairs. While various barriers erected on benches, retaining walls and steps are somewhat of a deterrent, the creation of an inviting and challenging skate park will offer an alternative venue, and work to balance the prohibitions against skateboarding in other areas.

Recently, the Recreation and Park Department created a skate park at Crocker Amazon, and another is under construction at Potrero del Sol/La Raza Park. A skate park is now needed for Golden Gate Park. Unfortunately, the Music Concourse has become a

1 popular skateboarding venue resulting in significant damage to the recently restored historic
2 park fixtures. The old horseshoe pits, located in the northeastern corner of the Park, present
3 a potentially suitable alternative skateboarding location. In the 1960s, a horseshoe facility
4 was built at Stern Grove, since that time, the horseshoe pits in Golden Gate Park have been
5 unused and fallen into disrepair. The development and construction of challenging skate park
6 in this area will offer a viable alternative to skateboarding in the Music Concourse and will
7 revitalize an underutilized area of Golden Gate Park.

8 Section 2. Pursuant to San Francisco Charter Section 4.113(1), the Board of
9 Supervisors hereby authorizes the creation of a skate park to be built in the area of Golden
10 Gate Park known as "the horseshoe pits". The design of such a skate park is subject to the
11 approval of the Recreation and Park Commission, in conformance with the Golden Gate Park
12 Master Plan, and all other applicable land use requirements. The Recreation and Park
13 Department shall begin construction of the skate park within six months after (a) the design is
14 finally approved by the Recreation and Park Commission, or (b) adequate funding is
15 appropriated for such project, whichever occurs later.

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