

1 [Urging the Federal Budget Appropriation to Replace Aquatic Park Municipal Pier]

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3 **Resolution urging the federal budget appropriation to replace Aquatic Park Pier,**
4 **and urging Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris and Representative**
5 **Nancy Pelosi to include the funds for the grant period of October 1, 2019, through**
6 **September 30, 2020.**

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8 WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Municipal Pier (the Pier) was built by President
9 Roosevelt’s Works Progress Administration (WPA) in 1933 on the site of the Army
10 Quartermaster’s Pier at the northwest corner of Fort Mason in order to provide a
11 protected cove where San Francisco residents and visitors could swim and recreate;
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13 WHEREAS, The Aquatic Park Municipal Pier is a vital, cherished San Francisco
14 historic resource which provides sightseers and photographers breathtaking views of
15 the bay from the 1,600-foot pier; and

16 WHEREAS, The Pier is a vital historic element anchoring the Aquatic Park
17 Historic Landmark District and protects historic ships moored nearby at Hyde Street Pier
18 including the Balclutha and six other historic ships from the 1800s and early 1900s that
19 the City & County of San Francisco has fought to preserve; and

20 WHEREAS, The Pier is a maritime resource and first line of defense that protects
21 the City’s waterfront against sea-level rise and wave action; and

22 WHEREAS, Many entities from all levels of government including the National
23 Park Service, Port of San Francisco, and the Bay Conservation and Development
24 Commission all play central roles in the Pier’s continued existence; and

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1 WHEREAS, Recent United States National Park Service biennial safety risk
2 assessments and studies show significant deterioration of over 600 reinforced concrete
3 and jacketed wood pilings and concrete deck from decades of winter storms and
4 pounding waves; and

5 WHEREAS, The Pier provides a key safety buffer that protects swimmers,
6 boaters, and the rest of the waterfront; and

7 WHEREAS, As time progresses without action, the Pier is at significant risk to
8 deteriorate further and ultimately collapse endangering lives of San Franciscans and
9 visitors alike; and

10 WHEREAS, The last repairs made on the Pier were in 1948 and it is now beyond
11 the need for maintenance work requiring a full replacement and reconstruction; and

12 WHEREAS, The original projection of cost in 2008 set at \$65 million has now
13 grown to a projection of more than \$100 million for complete reconstruction; and

14 WHEREAS, Government officials, civic leaders, community members, neighbors,
15 merchants have come together in a multi-disciplinary working group with a team of
16 committed experts to create an updated risk assessment and vision study for the Pier,
17 leveraging local, state and federal resources; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby urges Senator
19 Dianne Feinstein, Senator Kamala Harris, and Representative Nancy Pelosi to
20 adequately fund the replacement of Aquatic Park Municipal Pier for the grant period
21 October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2020, so San Franciscans and visitors alike
22 can safely enjoy this public treasure for generations to come; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors hereby
24 directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies to the members of Congress from San
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1 Francisco with a request to take all action necessary to achieve the objectives of this
2 Resolution.

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