



# SAN FRANCISCO PARK, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PIT STOP PROGRAM EXPANSION IN PARKS**

WHEREAS, San Francisco Public Works' pioneering Pit Stop program provides clean and safe public toilets, as well as supervised used-needle receptacles and dog waste stations in San Francisco's most impacted neighborhoods. All the Pit Stop facilities are staffed by paid attendants who help ensure that the bathrooms are well maintained and used for their intended purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Pit Stop program began in San Francisco's Tenderloin in 2014 at three sites, sparked by a plea from neighborhood middle schoolers who were fed up with having to carefully navigate around human waste on their walk to school; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2017, the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department began a collaboration with Public Works and Supervisor Jane Kim to begin a pilot of the Pit Stop program at the Victoria Manalo Draves Park restrooms, located inside the park; and

WHEREAS, by providing peer-to-peer support through the Pit Stop staff, the program has helped to significantly activate the park and revitalize the surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, having the Pit Stop program at Victoria Manalo Draves Park has decreased impacts to the restrooms and prevented illegal behavior, and maintenance costs have decreased significantly; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) supports the expansion of the Pit Stop collaboration between San Francisco Public Works and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department in park restroom facilities as identified by San Francisco Recreation and Park Department staff, with the support of San Francisco Public Works.