

REVISED RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SHARED SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

WHEREAS, Policy 2.9 of The Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan (ROSE) seeks to address “physical and bureaucratic barriers to opening schoolyards as community open space during non-school hours”; and

WHEREAS, Policy 1 of The Recreation and Open Space Element of the General Plan (ROSE) is to “encourage the dynamic and flexible use of existing open spaces and provide a variety of open space uses where appropriate”; and

WHEREAS, The SF Shared Schoolyard Project’s objective is to give children in every San Francisco neighborhood access to playgrounds on weekends, and

WHEREAS, The SF Shared Schoolyard Project has raised about \$200,000 annually for the past 5 years, to pay for the unlocking and locking of the gates, cleanup, PTA/PTO grants and programming; and

WHEREAS, The SF Shared Schoolyard Project has opened 28 schoolyards on weekends (Saturday and Sunday) as of July 2015; and

WHEREAS, The SF Shared Schoolyard Project seeks to expand this project to 80 San Francisco playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Recreation & Park Patrol Officers have promised to open, inspect and close the schoolyard at the close of each weekend day; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco’s Department of Public Works have promised to assign high priority status for any cleaning that is needed weekly and for a deep clean of each participating schoolyard twice per year; and

WHEREAS, District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell has led the effort every year to raise the funds privately to fund the Shared Schoolyard Project for the past 5 years; and

WHEREAS, Neither revenue measures nor the raising of taxes were needed to fund this program since it has been, and will continue to be funded by private contributions; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Park Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) strongly supports the mission of the SF Shared Schoolyard Project, urges its support by the San Francisco Recreation and Parks

Commission, and recommends that the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopt this program in perpetuity.

Put forth on August 4th, 2015 by:

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