Date: February 6, 2019
To: Recreation and Park Commission
    Capital Committee
Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager
         Lisa Bransten, Director Partnerships
From: Abigail Maher, Deputy Director Partnerships
Subject: Let'sPlaySF! SFPA Related Agreement for Buchanan Street Mall
        playground renovation.

Agenda Wording
Discussion and possible action to authorize the Recreation and Park Department to enter into a
Related Agreement with the San Francisco Parks Alliance for approximately $875,000 in cash
grants under the Let'sPlaySF! Initiative for the renovation of a playground in Buchanan Street
Mall.

Strategic Plan Reference
Strategy 1 – Inspire Public Space
Objective 1.2 Strengthen the quality of existing parks and facilities
Strategy 3 – Inspire Investment
Objective 3.3 – Cultivate increased philanthropic support

Background
Let’sPlaySF! has its origins in the $195 million San Francisco Clean and Safe Neighborhood
Parks Bond approved by 71.6% of voters in November 2012. The Bond allocated $15.5
million to renovate dilapidated playgrounds through the City.

In 2014, the Recreation and Park Commission appointed a Citizen Task Force that
prioritized playgrounds for renovation based on three primary factors: (1) the
presence of Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA) Pressure Treated Wood, (2) low
Household Median Income, (3) high Youth Density and (4) low Parks Alliance
Playground Report Card Grades, and in December 2014, the Recreation and Park
Commission unanimously adopted the list. A map showing the prioritized playgrounds is
attached to this report as Attachment A. In the wake of that determination the Department
and the Parks Alliance agreed to partner on Let’sPlaySF!, a capital campaign dedicated to
raising sufficient funds to ensure that all 13 playgrounds can be reimagined for San
Francisco’s children.

Let’sPlaySF! Prior Approvals
On December 15, 2016 the Commission reviewed a grant agreement between RPD and
SFPA and recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept cash and in-kind grants of
up to $15 million from the Parks Alliance as part of the campaign. Appropriation authority for these funds was granted by Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 10-18, signed on February 1, 2018 that authorized the Department to accept up to $15 million from the Parks Alliance for the renovation of the designated playgrounds.

Also on December 15, 2016, the Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that defined general terms for how RPD and SFPA would partner on Initiative and included general City requirements for construction projects on City property. The MOU also required the partners to enter into “Related Agreements” that would further define working together on specific projects and to seek Commission approval of these agreements.

**Related Agreements**
The Related Agreement presented for Commission approval involves the acceptance of a cash contribution to Buchanan Street Mall from SFPA for design and/or construction that will be managed by RPD Capital Division staff through standard city contracts. The roles and responsibilities agreed to by RPD and SFPA in the MOU hold for these projects.

The Buchanan Street Mall Playground related agreement covers the budget gap for the construction cost of this project. The gap is approximately $875,000. Since this is a Tier 2 project, then it is expected to be primarily privately funded.

**Supported By:**
Recreation and Parks Staff
San Francisco Parks Alliance

**Opposed By**
No known at this time

**Attachments:**
A. Map of Let’sPlaySF! Playgrounds
B. Buchanan Street Mall Related Agreement