

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SHARED SCHOOLYARD PROJECT

WHEREAS Policy 1 of San Francisco's General Plan for The Recreation and Open Space Element (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 Policy 2.9 of The Recreation and Open Space Element (ROSE) seeks to address "physical and bureaucratic barriers to opening schoolyards as community open space during non-school hours" and

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

WHEREAS District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell has lead the effort every year to raise the funds privately to fund the Shared Schoolyard Project, and

WHEREAS the SF Shared Schoolyard Project has raised about \$100,000 annually to pay for the unlocking and locking of the gates, cleanup and programming, and

WHEREAS Additional revenue measures nor their subsequent raising of taxes were needed to fund this program which is funded by private contributions, and

WHEREAS the SF Shared Schoolyard Project has opened 28 schoolyards on weekends 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 will open, inspect and close the schoolyard at the close of each weekend day and

WHEREAS San Francisco's Department of Public Works will assign high priority status for any cleaning that's needed weekly and twice per-year deep clean each schoolyard,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Park and Recreation Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC) supports the mission of the SF Shared Schoolyard Project and urges support by the San Francisco Recreation and

Parks Commission and ultimately the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, to adopt this program in perpetuity.

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