[Urging the National Park Service to delay the closure of twelve acres at Fort Funston in order to allow the City to review the imminent closure.]

Resolution requesting the City Attorney contact the National Park Service requesting a delay in the closure of twelve acres along the coastal bluffs at Fort Funston; requesting the Department of City Planning, the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, and the Director of Public Works review the pending twelve-acre closure at Fort Funston.

WHEREAS, In 1975, the City and County of San Francisco transferred Fort Funston and other City-owned park lands to the federal government to be included in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA), to be administered by the National Park Service; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, San Francisco voters had been assured that the GGNRA lands were being preserved "for recreational use by all citizens;" and

WHEREAS, On April 29, 1975, the City and County and San Francisco entered into an Agreement (the Agreement) with the United States of America related to the operation of the City-owned park lands transferred to the federal government; and

WHEREAS, On September 11, 1974, the then-Superintendent of the GGNRA referred to the Agreement as "a fundamental guide for our future relations once City lands . . . are transferred to the National Park Service;" and

WHEREAS, The Agreement provides that the GGNRA was created, among other things, "to provide open space necessary to urban environment and planning;" and

WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the NPS agreed to "utilize the resources of the GGNRA in a manner which will provide for recreational and educational opportunities consistent with sound principles of land use, planning and management, to preserve the GGNRA in its natural setting and to protect it from development and uses which would destroy the scenic beauty and natural character of the land;" and

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WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the General Superintendent of the GGNRA agreed to "consult with the Department of City Planning on all planning matters related to construction on the lands transferred by the CITY . . . in order to ensure that the Department of City Planning will be involved and informed during all stages of the planning process and in particular during the conceptual planning stage where potential conflicts can be resolved prior to the development of specific plans;" and

WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the General Superintendent agreed to formally notify and consult with the Department of City Planning on any "substantial alteration of the natural environment" of the lands transferred by the City; and

WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the Department of City Planning is to review proposed construction plans for conformance to the Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the Department of City Planning is to seek the advice of the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department and the Director of Public Works before reporting its findings to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, From 1991 through 1995, the National Park Service erected numerous fences at Fort Funston, permanently closing off approximately 35 acres to all park users and significantly altering the character of the land, without providing any prior notice to the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent to the 1995 closure, the Superintendent of the GGNRA assured park users that there would be no further closures; and

WHEREAS, The prior closures at Fort Funston, as well as the pending twelve-acre closure, have resulted in significant conflict among park users and between park users and the NPS; and

WHEREAS, The NPS now proposes to imminently and permanently close twelve additional acres along the coastal bluffs and make dramatic changes to this land on February 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS, The land proposed for closure is one of the areas most enjoyed by the 750,000 annual visitors to Fort Funston, particularly families with children; and
WHEREAS, The NPS has not consulted with the City and County of San Francisco regarding this closure; and

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco wishes to have, but has not had, a reasonable opportunity to review, evaluate, and comment on the impact the proposed closure may have on the people and parks in the City of San Francisco and to ascertain whether the Agreement has been breached by the NPS; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco requests that the City Attorney write to the NPS requesting the NPS to delay the closure of the twelve acres along the coastal bluffs at Fort Funston until the City and County of San Francisco has an opportunity to review, evaluate, and comment on the proposed closure; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors asks the Clerk of the Board to draft a letter to the Department of City Planning, asking them to agendize this item on their next meeting; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the General Manager of the Recreation and Park Department, and Director of Public Works review the proposed closure to ascertain whether there is adequate justification for the closure, whether the closure will negatively impact the people and parks in the City and County of San Francisco, and whether the Agreement has been breached by the NPS.

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January 29, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin
Absent: 2 - Sandoval, Yee
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 29, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

FEB 08  2001
Date Approved