

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the NPS agreed to "utilize the resources of the
23 GGNRA in a manner which will provide for recreational and educational opportunities
24 consistent with sound principles of land use, planning and management, to preserve the
25 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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1 WHEREAS, Under the Agreement, the General Superintendent of the GGNRA agreed
2 to "consult with the Department of City Planning on all planning matters related to
3 construction on the lands transferred by the CITY . . . in order to ensure that the Department
4 of City Planning will be involved and informed during all stages of the planning process and in
5 particular during the conceptual planning stage where potential conflicts can be resolved prior
6 to the development of specific plans;" and

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The NPS now proposes to imminently and permanently close twelve
25 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

1 WHEREAS, The NPS has not consulted with the City and County of San Francisco
2 regarding this closure; and

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

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

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

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

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January 29, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom,
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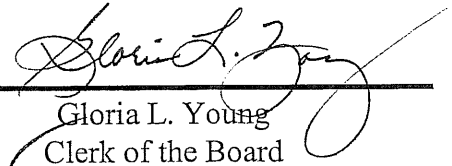
Absent: 2 - Sandoval, Yee


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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.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.