Resolution establishing a Skateboarding Task Force to provide policy recommendation and advise the Board of Supervisors, Recreation and Park Department, Police Department, San Francisco Unified School District, Port of San Francisco and Youth Commission regarding skateboarding policies, issues and activities, and to serve as the designated official advisory body regarding skateboarding issues for in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Skateboarding is an activity that has provided constructive recreation and efficient transportation for all persons, young and old, and,

WHEREAS, Due to the lack of available activities and facilities for recreation within San Francisco geared towards youth, as well as the high air pollution rate and congested city streets, it is imperative that the City support existing means of recreation that is constructive and meaningful to the wellbeing of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, San Francisco hailed as a primary municipality for skateboarding and alternative sports, was twice home to the X Games, an alternative sporting event spotlighting and publicizing the sports of skateboarding, in-line skating and BMX biking; and,

WHEREAS, Many San Franciscans in light of its notoriety partake in this activity daily, pursuing skateboarding as a means of recreation and transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Despite its widespread popularity, skateboarding is currently prohibited on San Francisco residential and business districts, under San Francisco Traffic Code pursuant to
Section 100 of the San Francisco Traffic Code and thus restrictions and penalties are instituted on to those who utilize this means of recreation and transportation; and, 

WHEREAS, Throughout the last 5 years, hundreds of youth and adults have been arrested, fined and had their skateboards confiscated due to their pursuit of skateboarding on San Francisco streets; and, 

WHEREAS, Despite general sentiments of concern and anger over public defacement and dangerous behavior, many municipalities throughout the United States, including Portland, Oregon, have retracted their prohibitions on skateboarding and embraced the act as a positive means of transportation and recreation; and, 

WHEREAS, In light of existing policies prohibiting skateboarding, on April 11, 2002, the San Francisco Youth Commission held a hearing regarding existing policies and actions on the part of City departments in addressing the act of skateboarding, and the need for collaborative reform; and, 

WHEREAS, This hearing was well attended by City representatives and youth, and the general focus of this discussion was the need for collaboration and the establishment of a public process in which City departments and the public can address existing policies and work to bring resolution to concerns and issues resulting from these policies and actions; and, 

WHEREAS, At this hearing, representatives from City departments suggested and supported the concept of establishing an advisory committee regarding skateboarding issues in San Francisco, to provide for the ability for allow the community, youth and adults, as well as City officials and departments, to work collaboratively and develop concrete recommendations and concepts so that these departments can develop strategic plans and establish efforts to make San Francisco more "skateboarding friendly"; and, 

WHEREAS, City departments and members of the community have been in collaboration for many years to bring resolution to concerns and issues regarding the City's
prohibition of skateboarding and its aggressive measures to prosecute violators of this law, as
well as the acts of public defacement that skateboarders have attributed to in light of
inadequate skating facilities; and,

WHEREAS, Numerous departments and officials have expressed interest in working
with community stakeholders to address their concerns regarding policies and actions affecting
skateboarders, as well as providing for the community to directly
become engaged in the process of establishing new policies and activities regarding
skateboarding, including Traffic Code Section 100 discussion regarding the existing prohibition and
the establishment of more public skating facilities in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Although this interest in collaboration has yielded to reforms in the City’s
skateboarding policies and actions, there is still a crucial need in light of the continued enforcement
of the existing prohibition, and the lack of effective change within the process, as well as the lack of
true community involvement within the civic process, to establish a more formalized and
representative process to ensure the fair representation and involvement of all
stakeholders regarding this issue; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
does hereby establish a Skateboarding Task Force (hereinafter called “Task Force”) that
will provide policy recommendations and advise the Board of Supervisors, Recreation and
Park Department, Police Department, San Francisco Unified School District, Port of San
Francisco and Youth Commission regarding skateboarding policies, issues, and activities, and
to serve as the designated official advisory body regarding skateboarding issues for in the
City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be subject to the requirements
mandates of the Sunshine Ordinance and applicable local open meeting laws; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Clerk Task Force shall implement any legally mandated public notice requirements in conjunction with the Youth Commission and the Recreation and Parks Department; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be advisory to and provide consistent policy recommendations to City these said departments, Board of Supervisors and Youth Commission regarding issues relevant to skateboarding, in-line skating, and BMX biking in the City and County of San Francisco, and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the Task Force shall be comprised of:

One (1) ex-officio, voting representative of the Recreation and Park Department or his/her designee; to serve a three-year term;

One (1) ex-officio, voting representative of the San Francisco Police Department or his/her designee; to serve a three-year term;

One (1) ex-officio, voting representative of the San Francisco Unified School District or his/her designee; to serve a three-year term;

One (1) ex-officio, voting representative of the Port of San Francisco or his/her designee; to serve a three-year term;

One (1) voting representative from the skateboarding community knowledgeable about or possessing previous knowledge of the sport for a period of 5 years; to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three-year term;

One (1) voting representative from the in-line skating community knowledgeable about or possessing previous knowledge of the sport for a period of 5 years; to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three-year term.
One (1) voting representative from the BMX or alternative biking community knowledgeable about or possessing previous knowledge of the sport for a period of 5 years, to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three-year term;

One (1) voting representative, with expertise in skateboarding based businesses or and services, to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three year term;

One (1) at-large voting representative from of the business community with expertise in skateboarding prevention services, or property management, or insurance services, to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three year term;

One (1) at-large voting representative, with expertise in the real estate or legal fields, to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve a three year term;

Two (2) voting youth representatives between of the youth community, of the ages of 12-23 years, with expertise in skateboarding advocacy or skateboarding, in-line skating, or BMX or alternative biking for the last 3 years, to be appointed by the Youth Commission to serve a three year term

Three (3) voting youth representatives of the youth community, of the ages of 12-23 years, with expertise in skateboarding advocacy or skateboarding, in-line skating, or BMX or alternative biking for the last 3 years, to be appointed by the Youth Commission to serve a one year term; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in the event a vacancy shall occur during the term of office of any voting member, a successor shall be appointed to complete the unexpired term of the office vacated in a manner similar to that which the member was initially appointed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the this Task Force will meet on a regular and consistent basis in order to develop recommendations and advise the Board of Supervisors, appropriate city departments and Youth Commission with regards to:
1. The creation and renovation of future and existing public skating facilities within the City and County of San Francisco.

2. Provide recommendations and advice to participating city departments and the Board of Supervisors, in consultation with the Office of City Attorney, regarding the amendment of existing City laws regarding skateboarding, including Traffic Code Section 100 of the San Francisco Traffic Code, and subsequent codes of enforcement.

3. Provide recommendations, advice and participate in the creation institution of a temporary public skateboarding facility on Pier 24.

4. Provide recommendations and oversee the implementation of recommendations for the institution of capital improvement and programmatic plans for skateboarding facilities and programs.

5. Work with participating city departments to draft a strategic plan for all City departments and the Board of Supervisors regarding skateboarding and skateboarding programs and activities in San Francisco over a period of 10 years.

6. Work with participating city departments to establish increased efforts for greater more public participation and communication regarding skateboarding programs and activities.

7. Work in conjunction with the Police Department to reform its enforcement by the San Francisco Police Department of Traffic Code Section 100 procedures of Section 100 of the San Francisco Traffic Code.

8. Provide recommendations regarding departmental budgets and funding proposed concepts in which departments can allocate funds for specific
skateboarding based programs and activities, including the expansion of public skating facilities.

9. Provide advice to participating departments regarding new programs and services that they can provide in order to identify and provide for which recognize skateboarding being recognized as a positive sport.

10. All otherserve as the official advisory body regarding skateboarding issues and activities as they arise in the City and County of San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That there shall be the Office of the Legislative Analyst and research support to the Task Force, in conjunction with legislative research support to the Task Force by the Office of the Legislative Analyst and youth leadership development support by the Youth Commission; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force will be under the jurisdiction and authority of the Board of Supervisors, and will abide by existing city law and its own by-laws; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force will be governed by a chairperson and vice-chairperson, one over of which must be above the age of 21 and the other must be under the age of 21; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall must undergo youth development and leadership training in order to foster an egalitarian and just environment; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force should convene upon the passage of this resolution and will sunset 3 years thereafter after its creation unless extended by the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall must present to the full Board of Supervisors.
Supervisors upon the end of each calendar year with a report of its findings and recommendations on an annual basis; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force should also report any of its findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, participating City departments and the Youth Commission.
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August 26, 2002 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
Ayes: 8 - Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 3 - Ammiano, McGoldrick, Newsom
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 26, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.