

1 [Commending Somarts]
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3 **Resolution commending Somarts for its contribution to the City and County of San**
4 **Francisco.**

5 WHEREAS, The Somarts Gallery and Performance Center is a non-profit, City-owned
6 facility that is an important venue for the works of the San Francisco non-profit arts and
7 performance community; and,

8 WHEREAS, Even though Somarts is located in an industrially-zoned area directly
9 under an elevated freeway and has no neighbors living in the immediate vicinity, it has been
10 unable to produce entertainment events for six years because of City noise abatement
11 requirements; and,

12 WHEREAS, The prohibition of entertainment has severely hindered both the cultural
13 and fundraising ability of local arts groups; and,

14 WHEREAS, The costs of soundproofing the Somarts building are so prohibitive as to
15 be almost impossible to enforce; and,

16 WHEREAS, The South of Market Residents Association (SOMARA) has publicly stated
17 that entertainment events at Somarts have never been a problem for the neighborhood; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Board of Appeals has recently issued a decision that exempts
19 Somarts from noise abatement requirements due to its location under an elevated freeway;
20 now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
22 hereby supports the ruling of the Board of Appeals exempting Somarts from City noise
23 abatement requirements; and, be it,
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco commends Somarts for its contribution as a cultural resource for the City; and, be it,

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
4 Francisco supports the use of Somarts for entertainment and cultural events.

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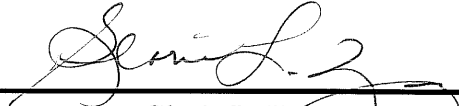
Ayes: 8 - Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Ammiano

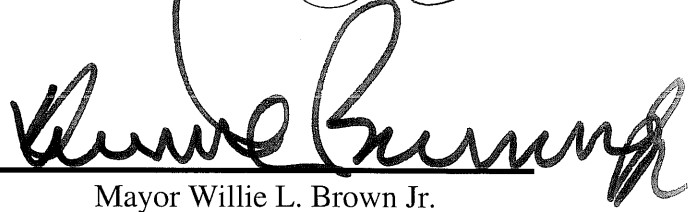
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 9, 2002 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Date Approved


Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board


Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.