[Support of Proposed Skate Park at Potrero del Sol Park.]

Resolution supporting the Skateboarding Task Force and the Recreation and Park Department's recommendation to build a skate park at the Potrero del Sol Park; and urging the Department to improve bathroom facilities at the Park.

WHEREAS, There is a large demand for skate parks in the youth and young adult community, and a report generated by Youth VOTE 2001 showed that 65% of the 2,800 students surveyed stated that they would go to a skate park if one were to be built in San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, The Skateboarding Task Force, ("Task Force"), created by the Board of Supervisors in August 2002, is charged with providing policy recommendation and advising the Board of Supervisors, the Recreation and Park Department, the Police Department, the San Francisco Unified School District, and the Port of San Francisco regarding skateboarding policies, issues and activities, and serving as the official advisory board on skateboarding issues for the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, Currently San Francisco has only one skateboarding facility comprised of 1,500 square feet and is located in the South-eastern quadrant of the City at McLaren Park; and,

WHEREAS, Although there is no master-planning vision for citywide skateboarding recreation, the Task Force has a preliminary vision for at least five facilities to be located in a five-point star pattern for greater accessibility by all communities; and,

WHEREAS, As recommended by Recreation and Park Department staff, if a five-point-star vision were applied in this planning process, the proposed location at Potrero del Sol Park would help to establish a mid-eastern skateboarding park serving the Mission, Potrero Hill and...
Bernal Heights communities, and is defined by the Task Force as being "isolated, but still accessible and centrally located"; and,

WHEREAS, The Task Force notes that the proposed site of about 15,000 square feet offers greater opportunities for varied and more complex design than the existing site located at McLaren Park; and,

WHEREAS, The proposed site is situated in the North Mission, part of District 9, and has one of the highest population of children and youth in the City, along with Districts 10 and 11; and,

WHEREAS, Proximity to public transportation is key to developing a larger and more diverse group of skateboard park users, and existing MUNI bus routes currently serve the proposed site in all four directions; and,

WHEREAS, Through the creation of a fully supervised skateboarding facility, crime and vagrancy that has been prevalent at this park will decrease substantially attributing to the improvement of the safety and quality of life of skateboarders and residents; and,

WHEREAS, Because of much needed improvements to the pedestrian crossways south of Potrero del Sol, it is being recommended that the southern entrance to the Park from Potrero Avenue should remain gated and locked, along with the addition of caution signs being placed in the area; and,

WHEREAS, Overall general community support has been garnered for the establishment of a skateboarding park at the proposed site, including the Skateboarding Task Force, the parents of Potrero del Sol Park, District 9 users of the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee, and the skateboarding community at Third Street and Cesar Chavez Street as well as throughout San Francisco; and,
WHEREAS, In April of 2003, the Skateboarding Task Force voted unanimously to support the Recreation and Park Department’s proposed skate park at the Potrero del Sol Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby support and commend the efforts of the Skateboarding Task Force to take the time to meet with its stakeholders in order to develop policy recommendations to City Departments and the Board of Supervisors; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby support the collaborative efforts of the Skateboarding Task Force along with the Recreation and Park Department to recommend the construction of a skate park at the Potrero del Sol Park; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Recreation and Park Commission to support the proposed capital improvements for Potrero del Sol Park, including the construction of a skateboarding facility and to work with community and City stakeholders in the design and institution of this facility; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the Recreation and Park Department to improve the restroom facilities at Potrero del Sol Park by providing staff and supervision, maintenance, and janitorial services to provide public access to these facilities.
Resolution supporting the Skateboarding Task Force and the Recreation and Park Department's recommendation to build a skate park at the Potrero del Sol Park, and urging the Department to improve bathroom facilities at the Park.

June 17, 2003 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: City Services Committee
August 12, 2003 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED
   Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom
   Excused: 3 - Hall, Peskin, Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on August 12, 2003 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Kay Gulbenggy
Acting Clerk of the Board

AUG 22 2003
Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.