

FILE NO. 04/302

RESOLUTION NO. 551-04

1 [Endorsing Old Mint Grant Application.]  
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3 **Resolution endorsing the application to the California Cultural and Historical**  
4 **Endowment (CCHE) by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society for CCHE**  
5 **Grant Funds for the project to preserve the historical Old Mint and create therein a San**  
6 **Francisco History Museum.**  
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8 WHEREAS, The Old Mint, located at 88 Fifth Street in San Francisco, dedicated in  
9 1874, ~~it~~ is one of the last major Greek Revival buildings in the country associated with federal  
10 architecture, is San Francisco's oldest stone structure, and was designated a National  
11 Historic Landmark in 1961; and

12 WHEREAS, the City and County of San Francisco is the owner of the Old Mint,  
13 pursuant to the transfer of the title from the federal government and the execution of a  
14 Programmatic Agreement under which conditions for the use of the building are carefully set  
15 forth, chief among them being the necessity of ~~assuming~~ providing substantial public access  
16 to the Old Mint and rehabilitation of the building according to the Historic Preservation  
17 Standards of the Secretary of the Interior as interpreted by the State Historic Preservation  
18 Officer; and,

19 WHEREAS, Following a competitive process conducted by the Mayor's Old Mint Task  
20 force which included substantial public input and professional expert advice, the Task Force  
21 recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the proposal by the San Francisco Museum  
22 and Historical Society ("The Society") to transform the Old Mint into a City ~~history museum~~  
23 History Museum be accepted, and that the City enter into an Exclusive Negotiating  
24 Agreement (ENA) with the Society for a 66-year lease for the property; and,  
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1           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors endorsed the ENA process with the Society,  
2 which entails the negotiating of lease terms and a development agreement which, among  
3 other conditions, guarantees ongoing project maintenance, viable financing, public access,  
4 compliance with the Secretary's Standards as determined by the State Historic Preservation  
5 Officer and meeting all appropriate environmental regulations; and,

6           WHEREAS, The ENA process is proceeding and , by the end of calendar year 2004,  
7 the proposed agreements by the City and the Society governing lease terms and  
8 development should be before the Board of Supervisors for its consideration; and,

9           WHEREAS, The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society Advisory Committee  
10 (Sec. 2A.166, San Francisco Administrative Code) has been established by the Mayor and  
11 the Board of Supervisors to publicly discuss and make recommendations to the City on a  
12 variety of issues regarding the establishment of a great San Francisco City History Museum,  
13 including, among other issues, "strategies to promote citywide communication and  
14 partnership between various local organizations that hold historical/cultural resources"; and,

15           WHEREAS, The Advisory Committee was appointed pursuant to City policy that the  
16 members of all boards, commissions and committees be broadly representative of the  
17 diversity in ethnicity, race, age and sexual orientation of the City and County and have  
18 representation of both sexes; and,

19           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the various committees and  
20 officials of the City and County of San Francisco who are charged with responsibilities  
21 regarding the Old Mint History Museum project, and on behalf of the citizens of San Francisco  
22 who support a museum to tell the stories of all San Franciscans, has viewed approvingly the  
23 efforts by the Society to bring to this ambitious project the funding it requires, from various  
24 public ~~ad~~ and private sources; and,

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1           WHEREAS, It is clear that substantial funding will be required for the seismic retrofit  
2 and preservation of this historic unreinforced masonry building; and,

3           WHEREAS, The people of the State of California have enacted the California Clean  
4 Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 which  
5 provides funds to the State of California for the California Cultural and Historical Endowment  
6 (CCHE) Grant Program; and,

7           WHEREAS, The CCHE has determined that, of the \$122 million in Proposition 40  
8 funds available for the CCHE competitive grant program, up to \$35 million will be made  
9 available for funding of the 1<sup>st</sup> cycle of the first round; and,

10           WHEREAS, The Society has decided to apply for a matching grant of \$5 million, the  
11 maximum grant allowable under CCHE guidelines, to assist in the design and seismic retrofit  
12 process for the Old Mint project; and,

13           WHEREAS, The Old Mint project clearly falls within the purview of CCHE's charge to  
14 provide grants for the restoration, preservation and interpretation of California's historical and  
15 cultural resources; now, therefore, be it

16           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby endorses the application by the  
17 San Francisco museum and Historical Society to the California Cultural and Historical  
18 Endowment for a grant in the amount of \$5 million to assist in the design and seismic retrofit  
19 of the historic Old Mint as a central part of the effort to rehabilitate and restore the building to  
20 house a San Francisco City History Museum; and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the California Cultural and Historical Endowment is  
22 respectfully urged to give this application its most serious consideration.

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SUPERVISOR PESKIN, *DUFFY*  
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## Tails

### Resolution

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**File Number:** 041302

**Date Passed:**

Resolution endorsing the application to the California Cultural and Historical Endowment (CCHE) by the San Francisco Museum and Historical Society for CCHE Grant Funds for the project to preserve the historical Old Mint and create therein a San Francisco History Museum.

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September 21, 2004 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

September 21, 2004 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

September 21, 2004 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED AS AMENDED


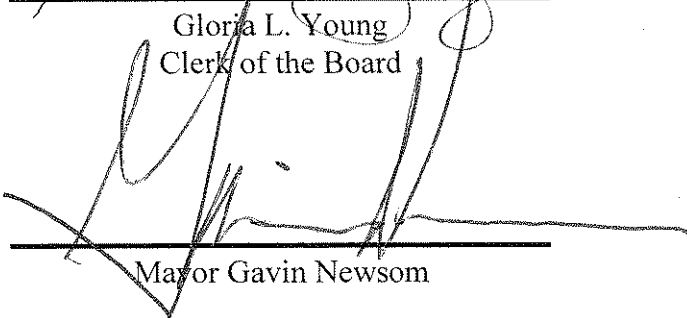
Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Gonzalez, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin, Sandoval

File No. 041302

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution  
was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on  
September 21, 2004 by the Board of  
Supervisors of the City and County of San  
Francisco.

9/27/04

Date Approved

  
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board  
  
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Mayor Gavin Newsom