[Declaring April 6, 2010, as Laura Spanjian Day in the City & County of San Francisco]

Resolution declaring April 6, 2010, as Laura Spanjian Day in the City and County of San Francisco and congratulating Laura Spanjian for her service and dedication to the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian was born in the San Francisco Bay Area and has lived in San Francisco since 1995; and

WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian has been incredibly accomplished since moving to San Francisco; working for the City and County of San Francisco in important capacities, volunteering for non-profit organizations and leading political campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s achievements, legendary work ethic, commitment to public and community service and passion for a better San Francisco are widely admired; and

WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s unparalleled commitment to LGBT equality is reflected by service on the Boards of the National Gay and the Lesbian Victory Fund and Equality California (EQCA), as past Co-Chair for the Alice B Toklas LGBT Democratic Club and Co-Chair of Community United Against Violence (CUAV); and

WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s dedication to improving her neighborhood is evident through her work as Rebuild Co-chair for the Harvey Milk / Eureka Valley Library and on the steering committee for the Upper Noe Recreation Center renovation; and

WHEREAS, Laura Spanjian’s career with the City and County of San Francisco began in 1995 when she served as a legislative aide to Supervisor Leslie Katz; and

WHEREAS, As a legislative aide, Laura secured attention and resources for homeless LGBT youth, ensured successful implementation of the Equal Benefits Ordinance, and expanded facilities to encourage bicycling to work; and
WHEREAS, Laura then worked at the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, during an era of significant growth and modernization, creating greater autonomy for Muni governance, establishing the Castro Shuttle in the Muni underground, and expanding Muni’s clean-fuel and hybrid bus portfolio; and

WHEREAS, Beginning in 2004, Laura joined then General Manager Susan Leal at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) managing 40 people and a budget of $6 million; and

WHEREAS, At the SFPUC, Laura was instrumental in dozens of major environmental initiatives including the GoSolarSF program, landmark water conservation legislation, and SFGreasecycle, a program that turns restaurant grease into biofuel continuing her work with current General Manager Ed Harrington; and

WHEREAS, After fifteen accomplished years working for the City and County of San Francisco and its civic and political communities, Laura has accepted new Mayor Anise Parker’s invitation to join her Administration as Houston’s Director of Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Laura’s energy, enthusiasm, creativity, talent and ability to laugh will be missed by those she interacted with, mentored and worked with; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors extends her the best wishes for her continued professional success and personal happiness; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors declares April 6, 2010 as Laura Spanjian Day in the City and County of San Francisco.
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April 06, 2010 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
Ayes: 10 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi
Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/6/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date Approved