[Urging the Recreation and Parks Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, Real Estate Division, and Public Works to Work Collaboratively to Design a Long-Term Plan to Re-Imagine Twin Peaks]

Resolution urging the Recreation and Parks Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, the Real Estate Division, and Public Works to work collaboratively, on a long-term Recovery and Revitalization plan, involving immediate neighbors and community stakeholders, to collaboratively re-imagine Twin Peaks and identify resources to improve accessibility, safety, cleanliness, environmental sustainability, and the ability to build upon a welcoming environment for residents and tourists alike.

WHEREAS, Twin Peaks is an iconic part of San Francisco with lookouts offering majestic, breathtaking views that is treasured by local residents and attracts hundreds of visitors a year; and

WHEREAS, Twin Peaks is also part of 31 acres of natural area, serving as habitat to local flora and fauna, including the Mission Blue Butterfly, a federally listed endangered species; and

WHEREAS, The open space includes trail networks offering 360-views and the ability to traverse between Islais Creek and Twin Peaks through the aptly named “Creeks to Peaks” Trail; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, the Recreation and Parks Department and San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (SFMTA) invested in capital projects to improve on connectivity and access, such as the Twin Peaks Trail Renovation Project and in 2016 through 2020, the Figure 8 Redesign Project; and

WHEREAS, In March 2020, the Twin Peaks Boulevard was closed during the Shelter-in-Place order allowing only visitors on foot or bike, however, due to growing complaints of
vandalism, litter, and loitering impacting neighborhoods, SFMTA worked with the Recreation and Parks Department and San Francisco Police Department to develop a new proposal to address some of these concerns; and

WHEREAS, Due to being a popular location, Twin Peaks and its neighboring communities are often targeted for property crime and thefts; and was the location of tragic, fatal shootings in 2016 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, In November 2020, the voters of San Francisco overwhelmingly supported the Health and Recovery Bond, which included investments in parks, open space, nature restoration, and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Economic Recovery Task Force Final Report published in October 2020 also recommends maximizing and optimizing the use of public space to not only provide equitable access to recreation areas, but to also to aid in the city’s economic recovery by partnering with small businesses, the tourism industry, and arts and cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, While there have been prior visioning exercises over the past several years, there has not been focused attention on developing ideas and improvements to transform the tourist destination into a place that is safe, welcoming, clean, and a source of local pride; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Recreation and Parks Department to work in collaboration with SFMTA, Real Estate Division, Public Works, and other Departments on determining a long-term Recovery and Revitalization plan and design to bring investments to Twin Peaks that will offer more resources and amenities enhancing the experience by improving accessibility, safety, cleanliness, environmental stewardship, and the ability to build upon a welcoming environment for this internationally recognized destination; and, be it
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also urges the aforementioned Departments to engage with immediate neighbors and homeowners; and neighboring homeowner and neighborhood organizations including the Twin Peaks Improvement Association, Midtown Terrace Homeowners Association, Forest Knolls, and Miraloma Park Improvement Club; and community members in a collaborative visioning and design process to address the safety and maintenance concerns of Twin Peaks and to ensure that it is a place to be celebrated; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors encourages the Departments to think creatively by enlisting the support of the tourism industry, the small business community, the design and architectural community, foundations, and arts and cultural institutions to develop a broad re-imagining of the potential future design and use of space in Twin Peaks; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the creation of a Twin Peaks visioning committee that will have balanced representation from neighbors, impacted homeowners, including from the Twin Peaks Improvement Association and Midtown Terraces Homeowners Association; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the use of public land for public purposes, and in enacting this Resolution, does not intend to express support for the private use of public space at Twin Peaks without a robust public process; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Departments to provide regular updates to the Board about any progress made in the visioning projects, especially as it pertains to any potential leases to outside entities; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the Departments to work with State and Federal agencies on identifying resources and partnerships for improvements; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors requests the Recreation and Parks Department and SFMTA to provide a written response to this Resolution providing a timeline for initiating this plan.
Resolution urging the Recreation and Parks Department, Municipal Transportation Agency, the Real Estate Division, and Public Works to work collaboratively, on a long-term Recovery and Revitalization plan, involving immediate neighbors and community stakeholders, to collaboratively re-imagine Twin Peaks and identify resources to improve accessibility, safety, cleanliness, environmental sustainability, and the ability to build upon a welcoming environment for residents and tourists alike.

May 17, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - CONTINUED

May 24, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

May 24, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

May 25, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED
   Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 5/25/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

Unsigned

London N. Breed
Mayor

6/4/21
Date Approved
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

06/04/2021
Date

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