

DISCUSSION DRAFT

Resolution requesting that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department restore the Lake Merced Boathouse to its original design as the Lake Merced Sports Center

WHEREAS, In Resolution No. 10,435 dated January 30, 1950, the Public Utilities Commission gave the San Francisco Park and Recreation Commission the authority to use the surface of the Lake Merced tract for recreational use (confirmed in PUC Resolution No. 95-0082); and

WHEREAS, During the 1950's the citizens of San Francisco passed a bond issue for the purpose of developing a Lake Merced Sports Center at the location of the existing Lake Merced Boathouse; and

WHEREAS, As a result the Lake Merced Sports Center was constructed for the purpose of supporting boating and other recreational activities, complete with workout facilities, showers and locker rooms, a social hall and meeting rooms; and

WHEREAS, The original design included a small area for a luncheon type concessionaire, providing snacks, soft drinks and light meals for people who had come to the lake for recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, Over the years the use of this facility was changed to emphasize revenue generation, resulting finally in an ill-kept sports bar; and

WHEREAS, For at least the last ten years the attempt to operate this facility as a revenue generating restaurant has failed financially; and

WHEREAS, A restaurant facility is being built into the new, publicly accessible clubhouse at the Harding Park Golf Course; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Merced Task Force requests that the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department restore the Lake Merced Sports Center to its originally intended use as a recreation facility.