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MEMORANDUM

TO: Youth Commission
FROM: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk
DATE: October 23, 2014
SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors has received the following request for hearing. At the request of the Youth Commission, this item is being referred as per Charter Section 4.124 for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File: 141042

Resolution recognizing the inauguration of the San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights, as detailed in this Resolution, on October 18, 2014.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission’s response to **Derek Evans, Clerk, Neighborhood Services and Safety Committee.**

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: _____

_____ **No Comment**

_____ **Recommendation Attached**

Chairperson, Youth Commission

1 [San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights - October 18, 2014]

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3 **Resolution recognizing the inauguration of the San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill**
4 **of Rights, as detailed in this Resolution, on October 18, 2014.**

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6 WHEREAS, San Francisco is home to more than 100,000 children growing up in one of
7 the most densely urbanized cities in the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Direct exposure to nature is a necessary component of a child’s
9 physical and emotional well-being, and cognitive development; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2007 the State of California adopted the nation’s first statewide
11 children’s outdoor bill of rights in recognition of nature’s importance to a child’s physical
12 and emotional well-being; and

13 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights is a set of
14 outdoor experiences that city agencies, youth serving organizations, schools,
15 community groups, and families representing all corners of the city agree every child
16 should be able to enjoy; and

17 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Children’s Outdoor Bill of Rights is a set of
18 outdoor experiences that ensures every child in San Francisco has the opportunity
19 to connect with nature and develop to their fullest potential; and

20 WHEREAS, San Francisco is a highly visible national and international model of
21 progressive human endeavors in an increasingly urban world; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco celebrates the inauguration of
2 San Francisco Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights on October 18th, 2014, in recognition that
3 every child growing up in this City has the right to:

- 4 • Explore all the wild places in the City;
- 5 • Harvest and eat a fruit or vegetable;
- 6 • Plant a seed and watch it grow;
- 7 • Visit and care for a local park;
- 8 • Splash in the ocean or bay;
- 9 • Play in the sand and mud;
- 10 • Discover urban wildlife;
- 11 • Sleep under the stars;
- 12 • Climb a tree; and
- 13 • Ride a bike

14 May this new social compact contribute to make our city home a nourishing place for present
15 and future generations of all urban children.