

1 [Commending The MIX @ SFPL]

2 **Resolution Commending The MIX at the San Francisco Public Library and their librarians for**
3 **providing teens a dedicated space with relevant programming, books, and access to state of**
4 **the art technology.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Mix opened in June 2015, it is a 4,770-square-foot dedicated teen only digital
7 media center and learning lab located within the San Francisco Public Library Main Branch, and

8 WHEREAS, The Mix is the first-of-its-kind teen center in California that provides teens with
9 advanced technological equipment to use and programs to attend, and

10 WHEREAS, "It is a space for teens from 13 to 18 years old to hang out, mess around, and
11 geek out"¹, and

12 WHEREAS, teens who regularly visit The Mix have positive comments about the space and;

13 WHEREAS, "[The MIX] is a nice place for relaxing and making friends."², and

14 WHEREAS, "[The Mix] is an innovative and relaxing space. It's very fun and has a lot of
15 resources,"³

16 WHEREAS, It has a state-of-the-art recording studio, a high quality video production space, a
17 "makerspace" that contains many top quality fabrication technologies such as a 3D printer and a laser
18 cutter, a "carpet garden" which is an area for teens to socialize with friends located in view of the
19 projection screen, and an interactive touch-screen wall and;

20 WHEREAS, The Mix has reached over 19,000 visitors as of December 2015, has 478
21 registered members, and has held 199 programs, including YouthSpeaks, a series of creative writing

¹ Cormier, Catherine, Teen Librarian, Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

² Harris, Markus. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

³ Bell, Chazorae. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

1 workshops, and Makerspace programs, such as introductions to 3D printing⁴, and
2 WHEREAS, Board of Advising Youth, a 35-membered youth-led board in , that supports and
3 helps develop programs⁵, and
4 WHEREAS, The Mix has generously hosted events such as TeenTechSF that allow youth to
5 collaborate, become more educated, and improve the community and has generously donated time to
6 host the San Francisco's Youth Commission's retreat and;
7 WHEREAS, It has a brand new collection of books, movies and music, an amphitheater-style
8 seating and performance area, and a safe and comfortable space for Bay Area teens to hang out, read
9 and study, now, therefore be it
10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission commends The Mix at the San
11 Francisco Public Library and the librarians for giving teens a free space to explore state of the art
12 technology that otherwise would not be available to them.
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⁴ "SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION Minutes of the Special Meeting of December 17, 2015." *Explanatory Document: FYs 2017 and 2018 Budget Presentation*. (n.d.): San Francisco Public Library. San Francisco Public Library. Web.

<<http://sfpl.org/pdf/about/commission/minutes121715.pdf>>

⁵ Ibid