[Commending The MIX @ SFPL]

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

WHEREAS, The Mix at SFPL is a 4,770-square-foot teen only dedicated digital media center and learning lab located within the San Francisco Public Library Main Branch and;

WHEREAS, the previous teen center located on the third floor of the SF Main Library contained insufficient materials and space for an appropriate teen center, and

WHEREAS, the idea of creating a teenspace originated with library staff and youth advocates, and

WHEREAS, Since opening its doors in June 2015, The Mix has been the first-of-its-kind teen center in California that provides teens with advanced technological equipment to use and programs to attend, and

WHEREAS, The Mix has a brand new collection of books, movies and music, an amphitheater-style seating and performance area, and a safe and comfortable space for Bay Area teens to hang out, read and study, and

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Advising Youth, a 35-member youth-led board, that supports and helps develop programs and helped design The Mix[[1]](#footnote-1), and

WHEREAS, Cathy Cormier, one of the teen librarian's, has stated that The Mix’s mission is to have a space for teens from 13 to 18 years old to hang out, mess around, and geek out[[2]](#footnote-2),

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

WHEREAS, Markus Harris who regularly visits The Mix has stated “[The Mix] is a nice place for relaxing and making friends”,[[3]](#footnote-3) and

WHEREAS, Chazorae Bell, a MYEEP (Mayor’s Youth Employment Education Program) intern, has stated “[The Mix] is an innovative and relaxing space. It’s very fun and has a lot of resources”,[[4]](#footnote-4) and

WHEREAS, Lauren Ng, a Board of Advising Youth member, has stated “I love [The Mix] because it is innovative and allows me to explore my interests”,[[5]](#footnote-5) and

WHEREAS, The Mix has reached over 19,000 visits as of December 2015, has 478 registered members, and has held 199 programs, including YouthSpeaks and WritersCore, both series of creative writing workshops, audio and video production workshops, career coaching workshops, and Youth Are Resources Project (YARP) programs, such as introductions to 3D printing,[[6]](#footnote-6) and

WHEREAS, The Mix, and its teen librarians, provide more than resources for teens. They have also generously hosted events such as TeenTechSF that allow youth to collaborate, become more educated, and improve the community, and have generously hosted the San Francisco’s Youth Commission’s 2016 mid-year retreat, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends The Mix at the San Francisco Public Library, their teen librarians, and the Board of Advising Youth, for providing teens a free space to explore state of the art technology that otherwise would not be available to them.

1. "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>> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Cormier, Catherine. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Harris, Markus. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Bell, Chazorae. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Ng, Lauren. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. "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>> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)