## FILE NO. 081460

**RESOLUTION NO.** 

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[Proposed Contemporary Art Museum]

## Resolution supporting the location of the proposed Contemporary Art Museum in the City and County of San Francisco.

WHEREAS, In 2006, San Francisco hosted 15.8 million visitors who spent \$7.8 billion during their stay or \$21 million a day, making tourism one of San Francisco's most important industries; and,

WHEREAS, Visitor dollars spent here generated over \$473 million in taxes and fees that support the City's general budget, health and safety, arts and cultural organizations, recreational facilities and low-income housing and also supported about 68,650 jobs in hospitality and tourism industries (about \$1.8 in local payroll); and,

WHEREAS, Visitors to San Francisco frequent many cultural destinations including, but not limited to, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Contemporary Jewish Museum, the Museum of African Diaspora, the Cartoon Art Museum, the Museum of Craft and Folk Art, the Yerba Center for the Arts Gallery, the Asian Art Museum, the San Francisco de Young Art Museum, the California Academy of Sciences, Steinhart Aquarium and Planetarium and the Japanese Tea Gardens; and,

WHEREAS, Since the adoption of the budget in July 2008, the City's economic outlook has significantly worsened, particularly since the onset of the global financial market upheavals that began in September 2008; and,

WHEREAS, On June 9, 2008, the Presidio Trust released a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement outlining various alternatives for a Contemporary Art Museum in the Presidio; and,

Supervisor Alioto-Pier BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHEREAS, Don and Doris Fisher proposed to build the Contemporary Art Museum in the Presidio to display their collection of contemporary modern art to the public; and,

WHEREAS, The Fishers began collecting contemporary Western art in 1969 and in 1993, *ARTnews* Magazine declared Fisher one of the top ten art collectors in the world, with comprehensive, career-spanning works by Andy Warhol, Alexander Calder and Roy Lichtenstein, Ellsworth Kelly, Gerhard Richter, Anselm Kiefer, Chuck Close, and Claes Oldernburg; and,

WHEREAS, The Presidio Trust continues to evaluate the proposals for the Contemporary Art Museum under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to protect the National Historic Landmark District; and,

WHEREAS, An appropriate location in the Presidio for the Contemporary Art Museum may be more difficult than originally conceived; and,

WHEREAS, The Contemporary Art Museum, funded by Don and Doris Fisher, would make a remarkable and valuable contribution to the cultural experience of San Francisco and would be yet another reason for tourists to visit San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors believe that the Fisher Art collection would be a valuable public addition to the civic well-being of San Francisco and urges that the City work with the Fisher family to evaluate alternative locations for the museum within the City, including both existing buildings and potential sites for a new building, under the jurisdiction of the Port Commission and other City departments such as Recreation and Park, and by assessing properties accessible to public transit; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors understands and comprehends the magnitude of the contribution that the Fisher art collection would have on the cultural landscape of the City and County of San Francisco and the impact it would have on tourist revenue and other key general fund revenue sources.

Supervisor Alioto-Pier BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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November 25, 2008 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: City Operations and Neighborhood Services Committee

January 27, 2009 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell Noes: 2 - Daly, Mirkarimi File No. 081460

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 27, 2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

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Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

**Date Approved** 

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date: February 6, 2009

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, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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