

1 [Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to submit a ballot measure amending the Charter
2 to renew the Library Preservation Fund for twenty-five years]

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5 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to submit to the voters a Charter**
6 **amendment at the November 8, 2022 election to renew the Library Preservation Fund**
7 **for twenty-five years.**

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9 WHEREAS, On June 7, 1994, the voters of the City and County of San Francisco
10 passed Proposition E, creating the Library Preservation Fund which established a dedicated
11 fund to be used exclusively by the Library Department (“Library”) solely to provide library
12 services and materials and to operate library facilities in accordance with Section 16.109 of
13 the Charter for a period of fifteen years; and,

14 WHEREAS, On November 7, 2007, City voters passed Proposition D, which
15 reauthorized the Library Preservation Fund for an additional fifteen-year period and authorized
16 the City to issue debt for the Library for purposes secured by and/or repaid from the Library
17 Preservation Fund; and

18 WHEREAS, As a result of the monies generated by the Library Preservation Fund, the
19 Library has been able to expand its hours, collections and program efforts improving services
20 to all San Francisco communities, and has been able to engage in capital renovation and
21 construction projects throughout the Library system; and,

22 WHEREAS, The monies generated by the Library Preservation Fund have been
23 instrumental to the expansion of permanent service hours from a level of 801 hours per week
24 in FY 1992-93 to 1,211 hours per week in FY 2007-08 to 1,462 hours per week in FY 2018-19,
25 with all Library locations open seven days per week; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Library Preservation Fund has been essential to enabling the Library
2 to increase the book and materials budget, provide librarians in every facility, add teen
3 services and early literacy programs, and expand access to free public technology at every
4 Library location, including wireless access and public instruction; and,

5 WHEREAS, The Library Preservation Fund, as authorized in Proposition D approved in
6 2007, is set to expire in fiscal year 2023-2024; and

7 WHEREAS, The annual property tax revenue set-aside set forth in the Library
8 Preservation Fund is essential to the Library's ability to maintain its current levels of hours,
9 services and materials, and to ensure completion of the capital construction and renovation
10 projects planned for the Mission, Chinatown, and Ocean View branch libraries and for such
11 projects in the future; and,

12 WHEREAS, In consultation with the Office of the Controller and the Mayor's Office, the
13 Library has developed a proposed ballot measure to reauthorize the Library Preservation Fund
14 for an additional 25 years that is attached hereto; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Board of Supervisors to submit to
16 the voters on the November 8, 2022 ballot a Charter amendment to renew the Library
17 Preservation Fund for twenty-five years; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Board of Supervisors
19 to submit to the voters a ballot measure in substantially similar form to the proposed language
20 attached hereto.

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