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Resolution Opposing Privatization of the City of San Francisco's Public Golf Courses

WHEREAS, San Francisco's historic Municipal Golf Courses offer affordable and healthy recreational activities to all of our diverse population, and offer our citizens and visitors access to some of the most outstanding views in Northern California; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Historic Municipal Golf Courses were established 100 years ago by our City Fathers for the express purpose of providing affordable, accessible, and egalitarian Golf without regard to Age, Income, Religion or Social Standing,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has been a publicly-run agency managing Lincoln Park, Sharp Park, Flemming, Golden Gate, and Harding Park Golf Courses superbly in an environmentally aware, low-impact and green manner; and,

WHEREAS, The "Integrated Pest Management" program, which the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department has adopted and implemented, is on the cutting edge of eco-friendly environmental management worldwide and seeks to drastically reduce or eliminate, whenever possible, the use of pesticides and herbicides and harmful chemicals from our parks, and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Park, Sharp Park, Flemming, Golden Gate, and Harding Park Golf Courses are the property of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, It is important for residents to retain control over the City's property and have access to it for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, The unique experience that is our park system has been created and nurtured for over 100 years by dedicated employees of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

WHEREAS, Many taxpayer funded improvements to these facilities have taken place over the last 100 years, and our 80 year old "City Tournament" and "Family Tournament" have become long standing City Traditions, enjoyed by thousands upon thousands of families and visiting Golf enthusiasts:

WHEREAS, The prime land, appurtenances and activity enhancements at our City owned parks and open space are a legacy to the people of San Francisco and should never be mortgaged, leased, or sold off,

BE IT RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council opposes privatization of the City owned Golf Courses and their operations, and any further franchising and/or contracting out of services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council supports the policy that the operation and management of our City Golf Courses remain the responsibility of the Recreation and Park Department, assisted by other employees of the City and County of San Francisco as needed; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council supports the policy that the operation and management of our City Golf Courses remain the responsibility of the Recreation and Park Department, assisted by other employees of the City and County of San Francisco as needed; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the San Francisco Labor Council supports the policy that the core operations and provision of recreational activities, and all upkeep and maintenance to the parks and landscaping and program management at all levels at the City Golf Courses be performed by City employees in order to keep these parks accessible to San Francisco families and individuals. Submitted by Vince Courtney, LIUNA 261, and adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council on February 12, 2007.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Paulson", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Tim Paulson
Executive Director

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