

1 [Commending The MIX at SFPL]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, The Board of Advising Youth, a 35-member youth-led board, that supports and
23 helps develop programs and helped design The Mix¹, and

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>>

1 WHEREAS, Cathy Cormier, one of the teen librarian's, has stated that The Mix's mission is
2 to have a space for teens from 13 to 18 years old to hang out, mess around, and geek out²,

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

5 WHEREAS, Markus Harris who regularly visits The Mix has stated "[The Mix] is a nice place
6 for relaxing and making friends",³ and

7 WHEREAS, Chazorae Bell, a MYEEP (Mayor's Youth Employment Education Program)
8 intern, has stated "[The Mix] is an innovative and relaxing space. It's very fun and has a lot of
9 resources",⁴ and

10 WHEREAS, Lauren Ng, a Board of Advising Youth member, has stated "I love [The Mix]
11 because it is innovative and allows me to explore my interests",⁵ and

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

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

21 RESOLVED, that the San Francisco Youth Commission hereby commends The Mix at the

² Cormier, Catherine. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

³ Harris, Markus. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

⁴ Bell, Chazorae. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

⁵ Ng, Lauren. Interview at The Mix @ SFPL

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>>

1 San Francisco Public Library, their teen librarians, and the Board of Advising Youth, for providing
2 teens a free space to explore state of the art technology that otherwise would not be available to
3 them.

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8 Chair, Luis Avalos-Nunez
9 Adopted on April 4, 2016
10 2015-2016 San Francisco Youth Commission

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