



# West of Twin Peaks Central Council

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## **Resolution for improved Notification and Neighborhood Involvement in SF Recreation and Park Department's (RPD) Park Clubhouse Planning.**

**WHEREAS**, neighborhood park clubhouses are key in defining the unique character of the neighborhoods they are located in; and

**WHEREAS**, neighbors require visibility into, and the ability to influence, the decision making process for selecting what services will be provided in their local park clubhouses in order to meet the unique local needs of the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco voters approved Proposition A in 2008, providing a property tax bond to provide for renovations and safety improvements to parks and park clubhouses throughout San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, San Francisco voters expect that spending those bond funds will result in improved clubhouses, serving the special needs of their local neighborhoods with vital recreational and social services; and

**WHEREAS**, the RPD laid off the Recreation and Park Directors at all park clubhouses on August 15, 2010, and discontinued the traditional programs offered to the communities throughout San Francisco with no public input, discussion or notification; and

**WHEREAS**, the neighborhoods require: 1) more control over their local Park Clubhouses, 2) the ability to decide what happens to their local Park Clubhouses, and 3) much better public notification of the RPD's plans for local Park Clubhouses; and

**WHEREAS**, RPD does not adhere to standard notification processes similar to those defined in the City Planning Code Section 311 and 312 (for residential and commercial construction projects); and

**WHEREAS**, RPD's recent meeting to solicit input from neighbors on the future use of the JP Murphy Park Clubhouse was well attended only because of the heroic efforts of private citizens and WTPCC officers to notify neighbors;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPD should broadly publish advance notice of meetings regarding clubhouse planning - similar to the planning department notification process; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the RPD should conduct all meetings regarding the future use of a Clubhouse at that Clubhouse either on weekends or after business hours (no earlier than 6 pm), and never on a holiday or over Summer Vacation – in order to allow the greatest involvement of neighbors; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that any organization proposing to offer services at a neighborhood clubhouse should present their proposal including services to be offered, target audience, fees and hours of operation to neighbors at a meeting held at the Clubhouse in question before any agreement can be finalized with the RPD; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that evening and weekend use of Clubhouses (hourly rental) not be excluded because of any agreement between a service provider and RPD. Specifically, Clubhouses are a neighborhood resource and should be reasonably available for neighbors and neighborhood groups to conduct meetings and hold events during evenings and on weekends; and

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that any revenue RPD generates through agreements with service providers at neighborhood Clubhouses must be reserved and applied to funding capital improvements in that or one of the other neighborhood park playgrounds or clubhouses in the city, or applied to funding staffing of Park Director personnel for that or one of the other neighborhood park playgrounds or clubhouses in the city, and cannot be returned to the City General Fund under any circumstances.