Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Bill Bruckner Access Advisor to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner served thirty-five years as an Active Access Advisor for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco until 2023. Access Advisors help make the de Young and Legion of Honor more accessible to persons with disabilities and people with vision, mobility, hearing, or stamina issues, among others.

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner served Chair for the Access Advisory Supporting Group from 2021 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner was instrumental in developing and delivering training sessions for Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco staff on providing appropriate services for museum visitors with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner helped organize lectures on art and disability culture presented at the de Young; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner drafted revisions of the Access Advisory Supporting Group bylaws and Access Advisor job description, as well as formulated operational procedures for the group; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner served on the Steering Committee of the Access Advisory Supporting Group; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner participated in the first access survey at the de Young museum; and

WHEREAS, Bill Bruckner worked tirelessly on and advocated for the JFK Drive Campaign to maintain access to the park and to the de Young for visitors with disabilities; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco does hereby express its deepest and everlasting gratitude to Bill Bruckner for his exceptionally distinguished service to, and extraordinary efforts on behalf of, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the public they serve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board extends every good wish and happiness to Bill Bruckner in his retirement.

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Victoria Bruckner Access Advisor to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner served thirty-five years as an Active Access Advisor for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco until 2023. Access Advisors help make the de Young and Legion of Honor more accessible to persons with disabilities and people with vision, mobility, hearing, or stamina issues, among others.

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner was a founding member of the Access Advisory Supporting Group, which was formed in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner developed and delivered training sessions for Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco staff in providing appropriate services to museum visitors with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner drafted versions of the Access Advisory Supporting Group bylaws, as well as original policies and procedures on recruiting, nominating, and orienting new Access Advisors; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner actively participated in several disability community open houses at the de Young museum, and worked to develop open-house participant and visitor surveys; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner provided critical accessibility advice during the renovation of the Legion of Honor and the rebuilding of the new de Young; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner participated in the first access survey of the de Young museum; and

WHEREAS, Victoria Bruckner worked tirelessly on and advocated for the JFK Drive Campaign to maintain access to the park and to the de Young for visitors with disabilities; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco does hereby express its deepest and everlasting gratitude to Victoria Bruckner for her exceptionally distinguished service to, and extraordinary efforts on behalf of, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the public they serve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board extends every good wish and happiness to Victoria Brucker in her retirement.

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Charlie Dorris Access Advisor to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorrisr served eighteen years as an Active Access Advisor for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco until 2023. Access Advisors help make the de Young and Legion of Honor more accessible to persons with disabilities and people with vision, mobility, hearing, or stamina issues, among others.

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorris served as Chair for the Access Advisory Supporting Group from 2006 to 2016, and

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorris, as Chair, recruited new Access Advisors and contributed greatly to the ethos and efficacy of the group; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorris was instrumental in creating the Access Advisory Supporting Group as an official support group by creating formal bylaws, job descriptions, and mission statement; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorris served as Chair of the Steering Committee from 2019 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorris was Chair when the Access Advisory Supporting Group was awarded a Mayor's Disability Council Award for Excellence in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Dorris worked tirelessly on and advocated for the JFK Drive Campaign to maintain access to the park and to the de Young for visitors with disabilities; and be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco does hereby express its deepest and everlasting gratitude to Charlie Dorris for his exceptionally distinguished service to, and extraordinary efforts on behalf of, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the public they serve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board extends every good wish and happiness to Charlie Dorris in his retirement.

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Dee Kennedy Access Advisor to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy served nine years as an Active Access Advisor for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco until 2023. Access Advisors help make the de Young and Legion of Honor more accessible to persons with disabilities and people with vision, mobility, hearing, or stamina issues, among others.

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy has served as the American Sign Language Tours Coordinator from 2013 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy has served as a Deaf docent for the Deaf community of the San Francisco Bay Area for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy significantly expanded the number of American Sign Language Tours given for each of the major exhibitions undertaken providing greater art access for Deaf visitors; and

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy significantly expanded the team of Deaf docents, thereby increasing the number of American Sign Language Tours; and

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy elevated expectations for Deaf docents to provide quality American Sign Language Tours through mentoring of Deaf docents; and

WHEREAS, Dee Kennedy played a lead role in the first ever production of Selected works from the de Young Permanent Collection in American Sign Language video series.

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco does hereby express its deepest and everlasting gratitude to Dee Kennedy for her exceptionally distinguished service to, and extraordinary efforts on behalf of, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the public they serve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board extends every good wish and happiness to Dee Kennedy in her retirement.

Resolution of Appreciation Honoring Susan Rutherford Access Advisor to the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

WHEREAS, Susan Rutherford served 11 years as an Active Access Advisor for the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco until 2023. Access Advisors help make the de Young and Legion of Honor more accessible to persons with disabilities and people with vision, mobility, hearing, or stamina issues, among others.

WHEREAS Susan Rutherford served 40 years as a Deaf Advisor, including 11 years as an Access Advisor at the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, contributing to the museums' brain trust and legacy on Deaf arts, education, production, program development and non-profit management, and

WHEREAS Susan Rutherford served as a leader on the development of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco's Deaf Docent ASL Tour Program, which transitioned from the Signing Docent Program (with hearing docents), and

WHEREAS Susan Rutherford served as a mentor to Dee Kennedy, Project Leader and ASL Coordinator, and

WHEREAS Susan Rutherford worked with Aaron Rocque, a Deaf artist, to develop the "ASL Tours" logo, and

WHEREAS: Susan Rutherford served as leadership on the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco's Deafness Subcommittee, and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco does hereby express its deepest and everlasting gratitude to Susan Rutherford for her exceptionally distinguished service to, and extraordinary efforts on behalf of, the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and the public they serve; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board extends every good wish and happiness to Susan Rutherford in her retirement.