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To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Kriss Worthington

Subject: City Manager Referral: Make All Signed Proclamations by the Mayor and

Members of the City Council Accessible to the Public on the City Website

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City Manager that all signed proclamations made by the Mayor and City Council on the City website so that community members may access them.

BACKGROUND

Currently, resolutions adopted by the City Council are available on the City website for the public to explore. However, there is no space designated on the site for proclamations. In many cases (such as the proclamation for Armenian Genocide Commemoration Day) the council item requesting the proclamation is accessible, but the proclamation itself is nowhere to be found.

The few proclamations that are accessible on the website are not the signed versions, and therefore are not official. To be considered official, proclamations would need to be scanned after signatures have been collected at the Council meetings before being placed on the website.

The City of San Francisco implements their *signed* proclamations into their webpage for resolutions. For example, their resolution proclaiming April 10 through April 18, 2010, Week of the Young Child in recognition of child care providers can be found under 2010 resolutions. Their resolution proclaiming July 7, 2008 Peace and Dignity Day can be found under 2008 resolutions. Additionally, all proclamations on the website have been scanned after signatures have been collected to ensure the public that the documents are official proclamations.

To access these proclamations, go to the links below:

http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions10/r0150-10.pdf http://www.sfbos.org/ftp/uploadedfiles/bdsupvrs/resolutions08/r0251-08.pdf

We propose either implementing the San Francisco format, or a format that designates a specific page on the website for proclamations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None.

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