



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO MICHAEL ROBERT PAINTER FOR HIS  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDIO PARKWAY DESIGN

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of the San Francisco County Transportation Authority has learned that Michael Robert Painter, creator of the Presidio Parkway concept for the replacement of Doyle Drive, passed away on June 29, 2018 after a long life and distinguished career in landscape architecture; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Painter was a Distinguished Alumnus of the College of Environmental Design at UC Berkeley and Fellow of the American Society of Landscape Architects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Painter owned Michael Painter & Associates since 1969, which was later named MPA Design in 1984, and in the course of his career completed over 850 projects winning over 60 awards; and

WHEREAS, As an interested citizen, Mr. Painter made the case in the early 1990s that the best way to replace Doyle Drive was to bring it mostly to ground level and cover part of it in landscaped tunnels, to allow the public to walk from the Presidio's historic Main Post down to Crissy Field; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Painter's parkway design became the preferred design for the Doyle Drive Replacement Project, helping to build a strong coalition of support for the project from a wide variety of interested stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, During the environmental review phase of the Doyle Drive Replacement Project, Mr. Painter collaborated with the Transportation Authority and SPUR to create a new standard for a state highway; a parkway design that was context sensitive and befitting of the setting within the Presidio National Park; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Painter's innovative parkway design was the first of its kind in California;



and

WHEREAS, Mr. Painter was credited on multiple awards for his work on Presidio Parkway including from SPUR and the Project of the Year award from the California Transportation Foundation; and

WHEREAS, The Transportation Authority desires to give public recognition and appreciation to Michael Robert Painter; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco County Transportation Authority does hereby express their gratitude and admiration for Mr. Painter's visionary design, leadership skills and outstanding contributions to the Presidio Parkway design.