

1 [Affirming the Approval of a Final Mitigated Negative Declaration - Proposed Alcatraz Ferry  
2 Embarkation Project]

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3 **Motion affirming the approval by the Planning Commission of a Final Mitigated**  
4 **Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act, for the proposed**  
5 **Alcatraz Ferry Embarkment Project located at Pier 31-1/2.**

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7 WHEREAS, A Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) for the proposed  
8 project was published on December 6, 2017; and

9 WHEREAS, On December 27, 2017, Arthur J. Friedman, on behalf of the City of  
10 Sausalito (“Appellant”), filed a letter appealing the Preliminary MND; and

11 WHEREAS, On February, 22, 2018, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on  
12 the merits of the appeal, and adopted Motion No. 20116 affirming the Environmental Review  
13 Officer’s decision to issue the MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act,  
14 Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 *et seq.* (“CEQA”), the CEQA Guidelines, 14 Cal.  
15 Code of Reg., Sections 15000 *et seq.*, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative  
16 Code, finding that the proposed Alcatraz Ferry Embarkation project located at Pier 31-1/2  
17 (“Project”) could not have a significant impact on the environment; and

18 WHEREAS, The Planning Department issued the Final MND on February 23, 2018;  
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20 WHEREAS, By letter to the Clerk of the Board, received by the Clerk's Office on  
21 March 21, 2018, Arthur J. Friedman, on behalf of the City of Sausalito (“Appellant”), appealed  
22 the environmental determination; and

23 WHEREAS, The Project consists of development and operation of an improved ferry  
24 embarkation site at Pier 31½ to support Alcatraz Island visitors, which would include  
25 renovations to the marginal wharf, the Pier 33 bulkhead buildings, and portions of the Pier 31

1 shed building and the Pier 31 bulkhead building, provision of a combination of indoor and  
2 outdoor spaces to welcome, orient, and provide improved basic amenities for the public, as  
3 well as other administrative and operational spaces, such as new boarding ramps and floats  
4 to support the berthing of up to three ferry boats at a time to accommodate interpretive bay  
5 cruises and ferry service to Fort Baker; and

6 WHEREAS, On June 25, 2018, the Port Commission approved the Project and  
7 adopted the Final MND; and

8 WHEREAS, The Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer, by  
9 memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated June 26, 2018, determined that the appeal had  
10 been timely filed; and

11 WHEREAS, On September 4, 2018, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to  
12 consider the appeal of the MND filed by Appellant; and

13 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the MND, this Board reviewed and considered  
14 the environmental determination, the appeal letter, the responses to the appeal documents  
15 that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before the Board of  
16 Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to the appeal; and

17 WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the  
18 appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the  
19 Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeal of  
20 the MND is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 180294 and is incorporated in  
21 this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

22 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
23 hereby affirms the decision of the Planning Commission to approve the MND for the Project  
24 and adopts as its own and incorporates by reference in this motion, as though fully set forth,  
25 the Planning Commission's findings in its Motion No. 20116.