

1 [U.S Navy – Public Participation in the Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Project .]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Navy to reinstate the Restoration Advisory Board**
4 **of the Hunters Point Shipyard and/or provide other appropriate forums to ensure**
5 **meaningful public participation in the cleanup process.**

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7 WHEREAS, Hunters Point Shipyard (HPS) has been designated by the US
8 Environmental Protection Agency as a Federal Superfund Site that currently contains metals,
9 volatile compounds, some low levels of radiological contamination, and other hazardous
10 materials that affect human health; and,

11 WHEREAS, According to the Department of the Navy, the Hunters Point Shipyard
12 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is intended to increase stakeholder involvement in the
13 environmental clean-up of HPS and a forum for addressing concerns associated with
14 environmental restoration activities; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Navy cancelled the regularly scheduled February 2009 Restoration
16 Advisory Board and has failed to schedule any more RAB meetings since then; and,

17 WHEREAS, On May 22, 2009, the Navy issued its letter of intent to dissolve the RAB
18 citing “irreconcilable issues” as the main reason; and,

19 WHEREAS, Navy guidelines state that dissolution of a RAB should only be an act of
20 last resort after an independent mediator has been brought in to address any conflict within
21 the group; and,

22 WHEREAS, There is high interest among Bayview Hunters Point residents to ensure
23 community oversight and engagement in the Navy’s restoration activities currently underway
24 at the Hunters Point Shipyard, as current decisions made by the Navy will have far reaching
25 implications for the families living in the surrounding area; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors supports broad and meaningful public
2 participation in the Navy's restoration activities on the Hunters Point Shipyard in order to
3 ensure that the community has a forum to both gain information and to provide the Navy with
4 productive input about the Navy's remediation activities and cleanup program; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to reinstate the Restoration
7 Advisory Board and/or provide other forums that engage the community at-large and provide
8 opportunities for greater and sustained participation from stakeholders including residents,
9 business owners, community based organization, and members of other neighborhood
10 associations and citizen task forces that represent southeast San Francisco; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to follow its
12 own guidelines and foster an effective way to provide critical information to the public and
13 receive public comment on environmental decisions and documents; and, be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to allow
15 adequate time to address questions and concerns raised by the community in relation to the
16 Navy's restoration activities at the Hunters Point Shipyard; and, be it

17 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board
18 to forward this resolution to the United States Navy.

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