

1 [Urging MOHCD and SFMTA to Prioritize Affordable Housing Commitments at the Potrero  
2 Yard Modernization Project]

3 **Resolution urging the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development**  
4 **(MOHCD) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prioritize**  
5 **the remaining 100 Affordable Housing units at the Potrero Yard Modernization Project**  
6 **and formally commit to producing an additional 365 units of affordable housing to**  
7 **mitigate the loss of units at the Potrero Yard Modernization Project.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Potrero Yard Modernization Project, located at 17th Street and Bryant  
10 Street, was designed as a once-in-a-generation joint development project to combine a  
11 modern transit facility with 465 units of 100% affordable housing, meeting the City’s priorities  
12 of providing reliable public transit and meeting our Regional Housing Needs Allocation  
13 (RHNA) goals under the Housing Element to build over 46,000 affordable homes; and

14 WHEREAS, To ensure the project reflected the needs of the surrounding community,  
15 the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) established the Potrero Yard  
16 Neighborhood Working Group in 2018, a volunteer body comprised of Mission District  
17 residents, small business owners, labor representatives, and advocates from community-  
18 based organizations; and

19 WHEREAS, For over eight years and through more than 55 public meetings, the  
20 Working Group dedicated thousands of hours to shaping the project’s design, public art, and  
21 affordable housing component, operating under the SFMTA’s promise to the public, which  
22 committed to transparency and a collaborative decision-making process; and

23 WHEREAS, The Working Group was instrumental in securing the community’s trust  
24 and political support for the project based on the specific commitment to maximize public land  
25 for the public good through the delivery of 465 affordable homes; and

1           WHEREAS, In 2024, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors each  
2           unanimously approved entitlements legislation for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project with  
3           the 465-unit affordable housing component, with each body citing the widespread and strong  
4           public community support for the innovative joint-development project; and

5           WHEREAS, On March 3, 2026, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved a massive  
6           reduction in housing scope for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project, reducing the number  
7           of affordable homes from 465 to 100 units, a net loss of 365 affordable housing units or 80%  
8           of the affordable homes previously approved by the MTA Board and this Board of Supervisors  
9           in 2024; and

10          WHEREAS, The 80% reduction of affordable housing units after a multi-year  
11          engagement process with the Mission District community and the affordable housing  
12          development team that invested over \$700,000 in predevelopment costs has resulted in  
13          significant loss of trust with the public of our City's commitment to delivering 46,000 affordable  
14          homes as required under our RHNA goals; and

15          WHEREAS, The SFMTA has a significant inventory of public lands, including 34 sites  
16          that it has identified for future joint development, that comprise parking lots, parking garages,  
17          and facilities, which provide a significant opportunity to leverage new 100% affordable  
18          development; and

19          WHEREAS, The loss of 365 units on this site is a devastating blow to the Mission  
20          District, a neighborhood that has experienced major displacement of its working-class  
21          residents and where affordable housing needs remain acute; now, therefore, be it

22          RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby commends the Potrero Yard  
23          Neighborhood Working Group for their voluntary commitment, dedication, and engagement to  
24          public transit and affordable housing; and, be it

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1            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to identify  
2 funding for 365 affordable units, in addition to units in the current pipeline, and SFMTA to  
3 deliver the 365 affordable units in 100% affordable projects on SFMTA public lands to replace  
4 those lost at Potrero Yard, ensuring that the community's eight-year vision is ultimately  
5 realized and that San Francisco is working towards its RHNA goals of building 46,000  
6 affordable homes; and, be it

7            FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA and MOHCD to  
8 collaborate and prioritize the remaining 100 units of affordable housing at the Potrero Yard  
9 project; urging MOHCD to commit to gap financing for the remaining affordable housing by  
10 Spring 2027 to the development team so that construction of the bus yard and the affordable  
11 homes occur simultaneously, preventing further delay and loss of affordable housing.

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