

1 [Western SoMa Community Stabilization Policy]

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3 **Resolution urging the Planning Commission to incorporate into the Western SoMa**
4 **Community Plan the policies and objectives of the Western SoMa Community**
5 **Stabilization Policy adopted by the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force.**

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7 WHEREAS, On November 23, 2004, by Resolution No. 731-04, the Board of
8 Supervisors ("Board") established the 22-member Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task
9 Force ("Task Force") to advise the Board and the Planning Commission on planning for
10 Western SoMa and to carry out specific duties; and

11 WHEREAS, The Task Force expired on December 1, 2007, but subsequently has been
12 extended by further resolutions of the Board; and

13 WHEREAS, On July 18, 2006, the Board finally passed Ordinance No. 206-06, which
14 became effective on July 25, 2006 and amended the Planning Code and Zoning Map to
15 establish the Western SoMa Planning Area Special Use District in the area generally bounded
16 by Mission Street to the north, Townsend Street to the south, Division Street to the west, and
17 4th Street to the east, and consisting of specified blocks and lots; and

18 WHEREAS, On August 10, 2006, the Task Force, in consultation with the Board of
19 Supervisors and the community in a series of Town Hall meetings, adopted a set of Planning
20 Principles meant to be a framework for preparation of a Western SoMa Community Plan,
21 which included, among other things, a commitment to “stabilize the neighborhood against
22 speculative land use proposals and developments;” and

23 WHEREAS, The Task Force has voted to recommend the City's adoption of a Western
24 SoMa Community Plan for the area within the Western SoMa Special Use District as an area
25 plan within the San Francisco General Plan; and

1 WHEREAS, On September 18, 2008, the Planning Commission voted to initiate
2 environmental review of the Western SoMa Community Plan; and

3 WHEREAS, On April 22, 2009, The Task Force adopted a resolution that establishes a
4 Western SoMa Community Stabilization Policy based upon specified Planning Principles
5 ("Stabilization Policy") for the Western SoMa Community Plan; and

6 WHEREAS, The Stabilization Policy evaluates the existing conditions and sets forth
7 metrics for the preservation of the historic balance of housing affordability and neighborhood
8 land uses that are proposed for use by the Planning Commission in evaluating project
9 approvals and conditional uses; and

10 WHEREAS, The Task Force resolution requests the Board to enact legislation that
11 adopts the Stabilization Policy; and

12 WHEREAS, The environmental review of the Western SoMa Community Plan is
13 nearing completion and once that review is approved and the Planning Commission adopts an
14 area plan for the Western SoMa, there will be trailing legislation to implement the Objectives
15 and Policies of the area plan; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Planning Commission to incorporate the
17 Policies and Objectives of the Stabilization Policy, as set forth in the Resolution adopted by
18 the Task Force on April 22, 2009, into the Western SoMa Community Plan.