

AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE – 11/17/04

FILE NO. 041359

RESOLUTION NO.

1 [Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force]

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3 **Resolution establishing a 22 member Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force.**

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5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Commission removed the area of the City  
6 referred to as western South of Market “western SoMa” from the Eastern Neighborhoods  
7 rezoning process and declared that the zoning of western SoMa would not be considered  
8 again until the area had undergone a comprehensive community-based planning process;  
9 and,

10 WHEREAS, The community has repeatedly expressed a desire to use the existing  
11 zoning as the starting point for such a planning process; and,

12 WHEREAS, There is a consensus that immediate attention be devoted to the  
13 preservation of existing housing, particularly in the alleys of western SoMa, where affordable  
14 housing currently serves the working class, families, longtime residents, elderly, artists,  
15 musicians and others; and,

16 WHEREAS, The mixed-use character, which includes service and light industrial jobs,  
17 residential uses, and arts and entertainment opportunities, helps to define what is unique and  
18 desirable about living in western SoMa; and,

19 WHEREAS, There is a need for more community-serving retail and commercial uses;  
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21 WHEREAS, Improvements to transportation, open space, street safety, bicycle  
22 circulation, and mass transit need to be included in any comprehensive planning effort; now,  
23 therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors establish a Western SoMa Citizens'  
2 Planning Task Force ("Task Force") to advise the Board of Supervisors and Planning  
3 Commission on planning for western SoMa and to carry out the following duties:

4           (a) Using existing zoning as the starting point for an analysis of land use decisions  
5 that will shape the future of the entire community;

6           (b) Map and evaluate existing Residential Enclave Districts (REDs) and consider  
7 modifications to existing RED zoning map boundaries;

8           (c) Recommend basic RED preservation policies including height, density and  
9 design guidelines;

10           (d) Map and evaluate land uses proximate to existing and proposed REDs and  
11 develop basic height, density and design guidelines in order to provide a buffer between  
12 REDs and areas where more intense development might be allowed;

13           (e) Map overall western SoMa existing land use conditions;

14           (f) Recommend policies for the preservation of service and light industrial jobs,  
15 residential uses, and arts and entertainment opportunities;

16           (g) Consider policies to guide increased heights and density along the major arterial  
17 streets where appropriate;

18           (h) Recommend policies that promote more community-serving retail and  
19 commercial uses and that encourage improvements to transportation, open space, street  
20 safety, bicycle circulation, and mass transit; and

21           (i) Develop recommendations to ensure that the creation of a future Folsom  
22 Boulevard be developed in such a manner as to complement all of the above referenced  
23 goals; and be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Planning Department shall provide administrative  
25 support for the Task Force; and be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of 22 members, who shall  
2 not be compensated and who shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities, to be  
3 appointed as follows:

4           (a) The Supervisor representing District Six shall appoint three members;

5           (b) The Planning Director shall appoint one member;

6           (c) If it is his pleasure, the Director of the San Francisco County Transportation  
7 Authority shall appoint one member, if the Director chooses not to exercise his appointment,  
8 the Supervisor representing District Six shall appoint the member;

9           (d) The Board of Supervisors shall appoint 17 members as follows: one of whom shall  
10 have been a resident of western SoMa for more than 3 years, one of whom has been a  
11 resident of western SoMa for less than 3 years, one of whom resides in a Single Room  
12 Occupancy hotel in western SoMa, one of whom is a youth in western SoMa, one of whom is  
13 raising a family in western SoMa, one of whom is a senior in western SoMa, one of whom  
14 operates a local business in western SoMa, one of whom works with a community-based  
15 organization in western SoMa, one of whom represents the arts, one of whom represents the  
16 entertainment industry, one of whom is a non-profit developer, one of whom is a for-profit  
17 developer, one of whom is a bicycle advocate, one of whom is a parks and open space  
18 advocate, one of whom is a transportation advocate, one of whom is a preservation advocate  
19 and one of whom represents labor; and, be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members shall serve for the duration of the Task  
21 Force; and be it

22           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the quorum of the Task Force shall be twelve members;  
23 and be it

24           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall meet no less frequently than every  
25 four months; and be it

1           FURTHER RESOLVED, In the event that any member misses three regularly  
2 scheduled meetings of the Task Force within a year without giving prior notice to the Task  
3 Force, the Task Force, or its designee, shall certify in writing to the member's appointing  
4 authority that the member has missed three meetings. On the date of such certification, the  
5 member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Task Force; and be it

6           FURTHER RESOLVED, That in the event a vacancy in the Committee membership  
7 occurs, the successor to the vacant position shall be appointed in the same manner used to  
8 select the previous occupant of that position; and be it

9           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall convene the first  
10 meeting within 30 days of receiving notice of the appointment of a quorum of the membership;  
11 and be it

12           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the provisions of this resolution and the operation of the  
13 Task Force shall expire 3 years from the passage of this resolution.

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