

1 [Biosciences Task Force.]

2 **Resolution establishing a Biosciences Task Force to make policy recommendations to**  
3 **the Board of Supervisors and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task**  
4 **Force.**

5 WHEREAS, Research and development land uses, including bioscience industries are  
6 relatively new industries that are expected to grow in the Bay Area because of the presence of  
7 university-based research facilities, such as at the University of California, and a prevalence  
8 of research and development land uses and the availability of substantial venture capital; and

9 WHEREAS, Bioscience industries have several components including laboratory  
10 research, academic and technology-based research, development and manufacturing of  
11 medicines and medical devices, and supplying of goods, machinery, instruments and other  
12 products for bioscience firms; and

13 WHEREAS, Bioscience industries have a range of facility design needs that include  
14 industrial, laboratory, laboratory-support and office uses; and

15 WHEREAS, The City's land use categories as set forth in the San Francisco Planning  
16 Code use traditional industrial classifications which are not expressly tailored to address  
17 newer industries such as the biosciences that are based on science, knowledge and  
18 information technologies; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the last several years, the City has approved redevelopment plans in  
20 the Mission Bay South Redevelopment Plan Area and the Hunters Point Shipyard  
21 Redevelopment Area that create land use classifications for research and development  
22 industries and identify with specificity the kinds of research and development activities  
23 permitted in those areas; and

24 WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Agency is undertaking a public process to develop  
25 amendments to the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan and that planning process is

1 evaluating areas within the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan Area that would be desirable  
2 locations for bioscience uses; and

3 WHEREAS, The City Planning Department, with the support of the Board of  
4 Supervisors is currently engaged in a community planning process in the City's Eastern  
5 Neighborhoods, including the Mission, South of Market, Showplace Square/Potrero Hill, South  
6 Bayshore and Visitacion Valley; and

7 WHEREAS, The Eastern Neighborhoods contain all of the City's industrially zoned land  
8 and recent rapid economic growth followed by rapid decline has resulted in tremendous  
9 change in these areas and intense land use conflicts; and

10 WHEREAS, The community planning process is examining the need for and space  
11 requirements of production, distribution and repair industries, as well as housing needs and  
12 appropriate locations for mix-use development; and

13 WHEREAS, The community planning process will help inform and shape permanent  
14 zoning controls in the Eastern Neighborhoods; and

15 WHEREAS, The community planning process in the Eastern Neighborhoods would  
16 benefit from a study of the land use needs of bioscience industries and land use controls  
17 appropriate for these industries; and

18 WHEREAS, Given the varied components of biosciences, there may be areas of the  
19 City, in addition to those that have traditionally housed industrial uses, where some  
20 components of bioscience industries might be appropriate land uses and might provide local  
21 job opportunities, now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
23 hereby establishes a task force which shall be known as the San Francisco Biosciences Task  
24 Force; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following ~~24~~ 22  
2 members of which ~~45~~ 16 shall be voting members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of  
3 the Board:

- 4           • one (1) from a business association;
- 5           • one (1) member with expertise in the bioscience industry;
- 6           • one (1) member from a bioscience company;
- 7           • one (1) from an urban planning association;
- 8           • one (1) from an educational institution with expertise in the biosciences and the  
9            bioscience industry;
- 10          • one (1) from an organized labor entity that represents employees of bioscience  
11          companies or research institutions;
- 12          • one (1) from a private real estate firm that represents companies seeking  
13          bioscience space in the Bay Area;
- 14          • one (1) from an organization that specializes in job training and placement;
- 15          • five (5) from neighborhood organizations with one (1) each from the Mission; South  
16          of Market, Potrero Hill/Dogpatch, Bayview Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley/Little  
17          Hollywood neighborhoods;
- 18          • two ~~(2)~~ three (3) from neighborhood organizations within the City and County of San  
19          Francisco and outside of the neighborhoods listed above;
- 20          • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of City Planning or his/her  
21          appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force;
- 22          • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of Public Health or his/her  
23          appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force;

- 1           • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of Building Inspection or  
2           his/her appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task  
3           Force;
- 4           • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of Environment or his/her  
5           appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force;
- 6           • one (1) member to include the director of the Mayor’s Office on Economic  
7           Development or his/her appointed representative who shall not be a voting member  
8           of the Task Force;
- 9           • one (1) member appointed by the City Attorney from the City’s Attorney’s Office  
10          who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop recommended policies for  
12          consideration by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on land use controls  
13          for biosciences industries in areas outside of the Mission Bay, Hunters Point Shipyard, and  
14          Hunters Point Redevelopment Areas, including but not limited to, addressing (a) how to define  
15          a land use classification for the Planning Code that includes biosciences, either as its own  
16          classification or as part of a research and development land use classification; (b) whether to  
17          retain for biosciences uses, the Planning Code provision which allows laboratory space as an  
18          accessory use to non-industrial uses under specified circumstances; (c) where to permit as of  
19          right, conditionally permit or prohibit biosciences uses, taking into account the authorized  
20          bioscience activities and their locations in the Mission Bay and Hunters Point Shipyard  
21          Redevelopment Plans and those bioscience activities and areas under consideration in any  
22          preliminary draft plan that would amend the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan; and, be it

23          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its recommendations to the  
24          Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission no later than ~~October 10, 2003~~; six  
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1 months from the date that the appointment of a quorum of the voting membership of the Task  
2 Force becomes effective; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force is hereby directed to establish its own  
4 rules of operations, including election of a chairperson and establishing a schedule for its  
5 meetings, which shall comply with the City's Sunshine Ordinance requirements; and be it

6 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Administrative Services shall provide  
7 such staff support to the Task Force as is necessary to notice meetings, maintain minutes of  
8 the meetings, produce and distribute agendas and materials for meetings and comply with the  
9 requirements of the City's Sunshine Ordinance; and, be it

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall sunset ~~January 9, 2004~~, eight  
11 months from the date that the appointment of a quorum of the voting membership of the Task  
12 Force becomes effective unless further extended by the Board of Supervisors.

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