FILE NO. 010173

[Standards of Conduct for Redevelopment Agency Commission]

Resolution urging the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) Commission to adopt a policy requiring all SFRA Commissioners to disclose any communications that they have with developers, contractors and other parties or individuals who have a matter pending before the SFRA Commission and that such a public disclosure policy require that the name(s) and the substance of the contact be divulged and that such disclosure must occur before the SFRA Commission votes on the matter; and further urging the SFRA Commission to adopt a policy that is based upon SFRA staff evaluation and recommendation as well as public input which would require the public offering of all SFRA property for development and that such a process be uniform and implemented fairly.

WHEREAS, The California State government and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors have conferred upon the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency (SFRA) the important mission of improving and revitalizing communities suffering from economic and physical blight; and,

WHEREAS, SFRA has also been invested with the power to seize private property, incur financial indebtedness without voter approval and preempt local laws so that socially and economically devastated areas of our communities can be revived; and,

WHEREAS, SFRA deliberates upon, approves and awards contracts that are worth tens of millions of dollars as well as makes decisions that permanently and profoundly affects the future development of local communities; and,

Supervisors Ammiano, McGoldrick, Daly

WHEREAS, A concomitant obligation on the part of the SFRA and SFRA Commission should follow such a bestowal of broad powers, namely the obligation to serve and safeguard the interest of the public, to abide and implement existing laws, utilize public monies prudently, award contracts of the equitably and objectively as well as to facilitate and enhance public input and public access; and,

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest that an ethical code of conduct be drafted and implemented to check the extensive power of the SFRA Commission; and,

WHEREAS, When a SFRA Commissioner receives information from an interested party, that information may provide an unfair advantage to the party if such information is not shared with other Commission members within a public forum; and,

WHEREAS, The perception or reality of favoritism undermines public confidence in the SFRA's ability to achieve its mission; and,

WHEREAS, It is also in the interest of the Board of Supervisors and the citizens of San Francisco that SFRA Commissioners abide by the Brown Act and permit public participation in all Commission meetings, especially the drafting of the weekly agenda of SFRA Commission meetings; and,

WHEREAS, In order facilitate a more efficient operation and communication between SFRA and SFRA Commission, proper protocol should be established that enhances the mutual respect and professional working relationship between Agency staff and Commission members; be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby strongly urges the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commission to adopt a policy requiring all SFRA Commissioners to disclose any communication that they have with developers, contractors and other parties or individuals who have a matter pending before the SFRA Commission; and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors also urges the SFRA Commission to adopt such a public disclosure policy in which the name(s) and the substance of the contact shall be divulged and that such disclosure of information shall occur before the Commission votes on the matter that was the subject of the outside contract; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the SFRA Commission to adopt a policy which is based upon SFRA staff evaluation and recommendation as well as public input, which requires the public offering of all SFRA property for development and this process be a uniform and implemented fairly; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the SFRA Commission to adopt a policy that shall respect the role of the Executive Director and SFRA staff; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the SFRA Commission to adopt a policy that shall refrain from publicly criticizing SFRA staff without providing SFRA sufficient opportunity to respond to such criticism; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors strongly urges the SFRA Commission to adopt a policy in which only the annual evaluation of the Executive Director of the SFRA shall be conducted by the full membership of SFRA Commission; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors request that the Clerk of the Board transmit copies of this resolution to all members of the SFRA Commission as well as the Executive Director of the SFRA.

SUPERVISOR AMMIANO

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February 5, 2001 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Leno, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on February 5, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

February 16, 2001

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

Clerk of the Board

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