

1 [Conveyance of Old Mint]

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3 **Resolution authorizing the City to accept title to the Old Mint pursuant to a deed and**
4 **programmatic agreement and adopting findings.**

5 WHEREAS, The Old Mint, located at 88 Fifth Street in San Francisco, is considered
6 one of the last major Greek Revival buildings in the country associated with federal
7 architecture, is San Francisco's oldest stone structure, and was designated a National Historic
8 Landmark in 1961; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Federal Government, acting by and through its General Services
10 Administration ("GSA"), owns the Old Mint; and,

11 WHEREAS, After an extensive review process under Section 106 of the National
12 Historic Preservation Act, GSA and City staff reached agreement on the terms and conditions
13 of a no-cost conveyance of ownership of the Old Mint to the City; and,

14 WHEREAS, The conveyance documents negotiated by the City and the GSA include a
15 quit claim deed ("Deed"), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No.
16 _____ and which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth
17 fully herein, that includes covenants requiring the City or any subsequent owners to comply
18 with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Rehabilitation and Guidelines for
19 Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (the "Secretary's Standards") in any alteration or rehabilitation
20 of the Old Mint; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Deed also requires the City to obtain approvals from the State's
22 Historic Preservation Officer ("SHPO") regarding such alterations at various stages in the
23 design and construction process, and incorporates by reference a Programmatic Agreement
24 ("PA"), a copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. _____ and
25 which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, that, among

1 other things, sets forth a coherent process for securing such approvals from SHPO and
2 designates specific roles for a Historic Preservation Consultant in connection with design and
3 construction work on the Old Mint; and,

4 WHEREAS, Both the Deed and the PA reference a Historic Structures Report that
5 helps define the character defining spaces and features of the Old Mint ("HSR"); and,

6 WHEREAS, On March 20, 2002, San Francisco's Environmental Review Officer
7 ("ERO") issued a letter and Exemption from Environmental Review dated March 18, 2002,
8 ("Exemption") a copy of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No.

9 _____, wherein the ERO determined that the transfer of the Old Mint from GSA to
10 the City is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act
11 ("CEQA"), General Rule Exclusion, State Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3), based on the
12 conclusion that the transfer of ownership alone, with no specific development proposal at this
13 time is not a physical environmental project within the meaning of CEQA; and,

14 WHEREAS, By letter on January 2, 2002, the Director of Planning submitted a report, a
15 copy of which is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. _____, wherein the
16 Director of Planning found that the transfer of the Old Mint from GSA to the City is consistent
17 with the San Francisco General Plan and the Eight Priority Policies of the Planning Code
18 Section 101.1; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the determination of the
20 ERO that the transfer of the Old Mint from GSA to the City is categorically exempt from CEQA
21 for the reasons set forth in the Exemption issued by the ERO referenced above and hereby
22 incorporates such findings by reference as though fully set forth in this Resolution; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that since the issuance of
24 the Exemption referenced above there have been no substantial changes in the proposed
25 property transfer provided for by this Resolution and no new information of substantial

1 importance that would change the conclusions set forth in the Exemption issued by the ERO;
2 and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that the transfer of the Old
4 Mint from GSA to the City is consistent with the General Plan and the Eight Priority Policies of
5 the Planning Code Section 101.1 for the same reasons as those set forth in the Director of
6 Planning's report referenced to above, and hereby incorporates such finding by reference as
7 though fully set forth in this Resolution; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves and
9 authorizes the Director of the Real Estate Division of the City's Department of Administrative
10 Services (the "Director of Property") to accept title to the Old Mint on behalf of the City
11 pursuant to the Deed and the PA; and, be it

12 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of
13 Property to enter into modifications to the Deed and PA (including, without limitation, the
14 attachment or modification of exhibits) that are in the best interests of the City, do not
15 materially change the terms of the Deed and PA, and are necessary and advisable to
16 effectuate the purpose and intent of this resolution.

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