

1 [General Plan Amendment - Community Safety Element]

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3 **Ordinance amending the San Francisco General Plan by amending the Community**  
4 **Safety Element to reference the most recent Hazard Mitigation Plan; and making**  
5 **findings, including findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority**  
6 **policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and environmental findings.**

7 NOTE: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*;  
8 deletions are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman*~~.  
9 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strike-through normal~~.

10 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

11 Section 1. Section 1. Findings.

12 A. Section 4.105 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco provides  
13 that the Planning Commission shall periodically recommend to the Board of Supervisors, for  
14 approval or rejection, proposed amendments to the General Plan.

15 B. On \_\_\_\_\_, the Board of Supervisors received from the  
16 Planning Department proposed General Plan amendments to the Community Safety Element  
17 of the General Plan, which was adopted by the Planning Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.

18 C. Section 4.105 of the City Charter further provides that if the Board of  
19 Supervisors fails to Act within 90 days of receipt of the proposed General Plan Amendment,  
20 then the proposed amendment shall be deemed approved.

21 D. San Francisco Planning Code Section 340 provides that an amendment to the  
22 General Plan may be initiated by a resolution of intention by the Planning Commission, which  
23 refers to, and incorporates by reference, the proposed General Plan amendment. Planning  
24 Code Section 340 further provides that the Planning Commission shall adopt the proposed  
25 General Plan amendment after a public hearing if it finds from the facts presented that the

1 public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendment or any  
2 part thereof. If adopted by the Planning Commission in whole or in part, the proposed  
3 amendment shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors, which may approve or reject the  
4 amendment by a majority vote.

5 E. On February 24th, 2011, the Planning Commission adopted Motion No.  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ initiating an amendment to the General Plan, at a duly noticed public hearing. A  
7 copy of Planning Commission Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ is on file with the Clerk of the  
8 Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_.

9 F. On January 31, 2011, the Major Environmental Analysis of the Department  
10 determined that the Project is Exempt from Environmental Review under CEQA Guidelines  
11 Section 15378.

12 G. The Board of Supervisors finds, pursuant to Planning Code Section 340, that the  
13 General Plan Amendment set forth in the documents on file with the Clerk of the Board in File  
14 No. \_\_\_\_\_ will serve the public necessity, convenience and general welfare for the  
15 reasons set forth in Planning Commission Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporates  
16 those reasons herein by reference.

17 H. The Board of Supervisors finds that the General Plan Amendment, as set forth  
18 in the documents on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_, are in  
19 conformity with the General Plan, as it is amended by this Ordinance, and the eight priority  
20 policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission  
21 Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_. The Board hereby adopts the findings set forth in Planning  
22 Commission Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ and incorporates those findings herein by reference.

23 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby approves the following amendments to  
24 the General Plan, as recommended to the Board of Supervisors by the Planning Commission  
25 in Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_ and as shown in the Element on file with the Clerk of the

1 Board in File No. \_\_\_\_\_. Described generally, these amendments to the text of  
2 the Community Safety Element revise the reference to the San Francisco Hazard Mitigation  
3 Plan in the Community Safety Element of the General Plan to better describe the role of the  
4 Plan as an implementation program of the Community Safety Element. The text of the  
5 Introduction to the Community Safety Element, "Relationship to Other Plans and Programs,  
6 Hazard Mitigation Plan" is amended as follows:

7 Hazard Mitigation Plan: Another related plan is the Hazard Mitigation Plan, required by  
8 federal law as a condition of receiving hazard mitigation grants after a declared disaster. *The*  
9 *City prepared a Hazard Mitigation Plan after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. It was developed by*  
10 *an inter-departmental team coordinated by the Chief Administrative Officer, and adopted by the Board*  
11 *of Supervisors in 1990. It contained background information similar to the Community Safety Element,*  
12 *and a list of earthquake mitigation projects proposed by City departments. The Hazard Mitigation Plan*  
13 *was updated, to include the projects proposed to reduce hazards from high wind and storms, such as*  
14 *occurred during the winter of 1995-1996, which was a declared disaster in San Francisco. That update*  
15 *is expected to cover the declared disasters of the January 1997 storms. By law, a Hazard Mitigation*  
16 *Plan must describe the type, location, and extent of all natural hazards that can affect the jurisdiction;*  
17 *describe the jurisdiction's vulnerability to these hazards; include a mitigation strategy that provides the*  
18 *jurisdiction's blueprint for reducing the potential losses; and, contain a plan maintenance process.*

19 *The Hazard Mitigation Plan serves as one of the Implementation Programs of the Community*  
20 *Safety Element, and contains programs that implement its policies. The Board of Supervisors regularly*  
21 *adopts updates to the San Francisco Hazard Mitigation Plan.*

22 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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