

1 [Preparation of Findings to Reverse Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report -
2 Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island Project]

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5 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the Planning**
6 **Commission's Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Treasure**
7 **Island/Yerba Buena Island Project.**

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9 WHEREAS, The proposed project ("Project") would include: (a) up to 8,000 new
10 residential units, at least 25 percent of which will be made affordable to a broad range of very-
11 low to moderate income households, including 435 units to be developed by the Treasure
12 Island Homeless Development Initiative's member organizations, (b) the adaptive reuse of
13 approximately 311,000 square feet of historic structures, (c) up to approximately 140,000
14 square feet of new retail uses and 100,000 square feet of commercial office space, (d)
15 approximately 300 acres of parks and open space, (e) new and or upgraded public facilities,
16 including a joint police/fire station, a school, facilities for the Treasure Island Sailing Center
17 and other community facilities, (f) a 400-500 room hotel, (g) the investment of approximately
18 \$155 million in transportation infrastructure, (h) the creation of thousands of construction job
19 opportunities and thousands of permanent jobs, all as more particularly described in the
20 Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island Development and Disposition Agreement ("DDA"), and (i)
21 various related approval actions. A copy of the DDA is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
22 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Planning Department ("Department") determined that an
24 environmental impact report was required for the Project on January 26, 2008, and provided
25 public notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on January 26, 2008, and

1 held two scoping meetings on February 11, 2008 at the Port of San Francisco and on
2 February 13, 2008 on Treasure Island; and,

3 WHEREAS, On July 12, 2010, the Department and the Treasure Island Development
4 Authority ("TIDA"), acting as co-lead agencies, published the Draft Environmental Impact
5 Report ("DEIR") for the Project (Planning Department File No. 2007.0903E); and,

6 WHEREAS, On August 12, 2010, the Planning Commission and TIDA held a duly
7 advertised joint public hearing on the DEIR at which time opportunity for public comment was
8 provided on the DEIR, and written comments were received through September 10, 2010;
9 and,

10 WHEREAS, The Department and TIDA prepared responses to comments received at
11 the public hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department and TIDA,
12 prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR, and published a Summary of Comments and
13 Responses on March 10, 2011; and,

14 WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was
15 prepared by the Department and TIDA, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and
16 comments received during the review process, any additional information that became
17 available, the Summary of Comments and Responses, and a supplemental memorandum on
18 additional changes, all as required by law; and,

19 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2011, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the
20 FEIR and, by Motion No. 18325, found that the contents of said report and the procedures
21 through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions
22 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and
23 Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. A copy of said Planning Commission
24 Motion is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is
25 incorporated herein by reference; and,

1 WHEREAS, By Motion No. 18325, the Commission found the FEIR to be adequate,
2 accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the Department
3 and the Commission, and that the Summary of Comments and Responses contained no
4 significant revisions to the DEIR. The Commission also adopted findings relating to significant
5 impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance
6 with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and,

7 WHEREAS, In a single appeal letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated
8 May 11, 2011, Saul Bloom on behalf of Arc Ecology, Michael Lynes on behalf of the Golden
9 Gate Audubon Society, Kate Looby on behalf of the Sierra Club-San Francisco Bay Chapter,
10 Brent Plater on behalf of Wild Equity Institute, Ken Masters, and Aaron Peskin filed an appeal
11 of the FEIR to the Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received
12 on or around May 11, 2011; and,

13 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2011, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider
14 the appeal of the FEIR certification filed by Appellant; and,

15 WHEREAS, This Board has reviewed and considered the FEIR, the appeal letter, the
16 responses to concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, and the other
17 written records before the Board of Supervisors, and heard testimony and received public
18 comment regarding the adequacy of the FEIR; and,

19 WHEREAS, The FEIR files and all correspondence and other documents have been
20 made available for review by this Board and the public. These files are available for public
21 review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and are
22 part of the record before this Board by reference in this Motion; now, therefore, be it

23 MOVED, That this Board directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings specifying
24 the basis for its reversal of the Planning Commission's certification of the FEIR.

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