

1 [Affirming Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report - North Beach Public Library
2 and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan Project]

3 **Motion affirming the certification by the Planning Commission of the Final**
4 **Environmental Impact Report for the North Beach Public Library and Joe DiMaggio**
5 **Playground Master Plan Project.**

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7 WHEREAS, The proposed project ("Project") would include: (a) a full street vacation of
8 a 195-linear-foot portion of Mason Street; (b) interdepartmental transfer of the former street
9 area to the Recreation and Park Department; (c) landscaping improvements in the former
10 Mason Street right-of-way; (d) construction of an 8,500-square-foot branch library on the 701
11 Lombard Street parcel and a portion of the former right-of-way; (e) demolition of the existing
12 branch library; (f) excavation, renovation and reorganization of the playground features
13 pursuant to the North Beach Public Library and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan
14 ("Master Plan"); (g) rezoning of 701 Lombard Street to Public Use and Open Space Height
15 and Bulk district; and (h) other related actions. A copy of the Master Plan is on file with the
16 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 110614 and is incorporated herein by reference;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, The Planning Department ("Department") determined that an
19 environmental impact report was required for the Project on April 29, 2009, and provided
20 public notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on that date; and,

21 WHEREAS, On August 25, 2010, the Department published the Draft Environmental
22 Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project (Planning Department File No. 2008.0968E); and,

23 WHEREAS, On October 7, 2010, the Planning Commission held a duly advertised
24 public hearing on the DEIR at which time opportunity for public comment was provided on the
25 DEIR, and written comments were received through October 12, 2010; and,

1 WHEREAS, The Department prepared responses to comments received at the public
2 hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department, prepared revisions to the text
3 of the DEIR, and published a Summary of Comments and Responses on April 7, 2011; and,

4 WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was
5 prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments
6 received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the
7 Summary of Comments and Responses, all as required by law; and,

8 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2011, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the
9 FEIR and, by Motion No. 18321, found that the contents of said report and the procedures
10 through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions
11 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and
12 Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. A copy of said Planning Commission
13 Motion is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 110614 and is
14 incorporated herein by reference; and,

15 WHEREAS, By Motion No. 18321, the Commission found the FEIR to be adequate,
16 accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the Department
17 and the Commission, and that the Summary of Comments and Responses contained no
18 significant revisions to the DEIR. The Commission also adopted findings relating to significant
19 impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance
20 with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and,

21 WHEREAS, In an appeal letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated May 10,
22 2011, Joan Joaquin-Wood, on behalf of the Friends of Appleton-Wolfard Libraries and the
23 Coalition for a Better North Beach Library and Playground, filed an appeal of the FEIR to the
24 Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received on or around May
25 11, 2011; and,

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

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

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

11 MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the decision of the Planning
12 Commission in its Motion No. 18321 to certify the FEIR and finds the FEIR to be complete,
13 adequate and objective and reflecting the independent judgment of the City and in compliance
14 with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.