

1 [Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvements]

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3 **Resolution making certain findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445**
4 **and consenting to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San**
5 **Francisco’s use of tax increment funds in an amount not to exceed \$61,500 for contract**
6 **administration, construction bid management, and project closeout for City owned**
7 **public right-of-way improvements for the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway in the**
8 **Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area.**

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10 WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Health and Safety Code authorized a
11 Redevelopment Agency, with the consent of the legislative body to pay for the costs of certain
12 public improvements if the legislative body determines that: 1) the public improvements
13 benefit the project area 2) no other reasonable means of financing the improvements are
14 available to the community, and 3) payments for the improvements will assist in the
15 elimination of blight in the project area and is consistent with the implementation plan; and

16 WHEREAS, The Bayview Hunters Project Area (“Project Area”) was created pursuant
17 to the provisions of the California Community Redevelopment Law (California Health and
18 Safety Code Sections 33000 et. seq.); and

19 WHEREAS, The Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan (“Redevelopment Plan”) was approved on June 1, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
20 Francisco by Ordinance No. 113-06; and

21 WHEREAS, Agency Commission Resolution No. 37-2011 dated March 29, 2011, the
22 Agency Commission authorized the Executive Director to prepare, a resolution for
23 consideration by the Board of Supervisors (together with other relevant documents), that
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1 comply with the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Section 33445 to allow
2 Agency funding of the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvement Project; and

3 WHEREAS, in connection with the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan, the
4 Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (“Agency”) has determined
5 that blighting conditions exist within the Project Area and the implementation of various public
6 improvements is an element of the Redevelopment Plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway (“Stairway”) has fallen into disrepair
8 due to the lack of designated capital funds to improve pedestrian stairway amenities.
9 Pedestrian paths and stairways have generally received less attention and funding for upkeep
10 and maintenance than streets and sidewalks; and

11 WHEREAS, the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvements (the “Project”) includes
12 installing: reinforced concrete steps; new handrails and guardrails with ADA compliance;
13 installing new anti-slip strip at all stairs; vandal resistance lightings; and mosaic tile panels to
14 all stair steps. In addition, the Project also includes plantings along both sides of the stairs to
15 transform the Stairway into an attractive pedestrian linkage; and

16 WHEREAS, the Project will eliminate blighting conditions and benefit the Project Area
17 in a manner that is consistent with the Implementation Plan by improving the pedestrian
18 environment, public safety and upgrading the area’s appearance; and

19 WHEREAS, in 2009, the Agency applied for a Transportation Enhancement (“TE”)
20 grant for the Stairway improvements in the amount of \$1,109,000 through the San Francisco
21 County Transportation Authority. The source of the grant is the TE Program from the
22 Regional Transportation Improvement Program and is managed by Caltrans; and

23 WHEREAS, federal transportation funds cannot be allocated directly to the Agency
24 without a Caltrans Master Agreement per state guidelines. As the administering City
25 department for public right-of-way improvement projects and authorized recipient of Caltrans

1 funds, the Department of Public Works (“DPW”) is the appropriate department to accept and
2 expend the funds for the Stairway; and

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works was awarded the TE grant for the Project
4 in 2011. The grant sources do not cover the entire cost of the project, DPW estimates an
5 additional \$61,500 is needed for non-construction cost to cover contract administration,
6 construction management and project closeout for the Project; and

7 WHEREAS, DPW searched for funds from the City and other sources, and except for
8 the TE grant funds was unable to acquire additional funds because of the recent economic
9 recession. The City itself faces substantial fiscal challenges in light of substantially reduced
10 tax revenues and challenging economic conditions created by the recess. According to the
11 Three Year Budget Projection for General Fund Supported Obligations FY2010-11 through
12 2012-13, project shortfalls in General Fund revenues compared to expenditures over the next
13 three years are \$483 million in FY2010-11, \$712 million in FY2011-12, and \$787 million in FY
14 2012-13. These projected deficits illustrate why alternatives sources of funding are not
15 available for the needed structural access improvements.

16 WHEREAS, the City’s capital budget does not include funding for this Project and there
17 are no other reasonable means of financing the Project; and

18 WHEREAS, improvements to deteriorated public facilities, creating non-vehicular
19 access, and installing needed site improvements to benefit employment and new commercial
20 growth are listed as activities in the five-year Implementation Plan for the Redevelopment
21 Plan; and

22 WHEREAS, the Project is consistent with the Implementation Plan because it provides
23 an improved access point to employment opportunities and transit, and renovates a public
24 facility; and

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1 WHEREAS, Resolution No. 37-2011 was adopted by the Redevelopment Agency
2 Commission on March 29, 2011 authorizing Agency staff to pursue Board of Supervisors
3 approval of findings now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors findings that the Arelious Walker Drive
5 Stairway Improvements will be of benefit to the Project Area; and that there are no other
6 reasonable means of funding the Project; and that the Project is consistent with the
7 Implementation Plan for the Project Area; and be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
9 Francisco authorizes the Redevelopment Agency acting through the Executive Director is
10 authorized to expend \$61,500 of tax increment funds for the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway
11 Improvements.