

1 [Temporarily Halting Construction at the Hunters Point Shipyard]

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3 **Resolution urging the Department of Public of Health and Lennar Corporation to**
4 **temporarily halt construction at the Hunters Point Shipyard and to contract with an**
5 **independent entity to conduct a health assessment of the residents of Bay View**
6 **Hunters Point.**

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8 WHEREAS, Pursuant to Environmental Code Section 101 of the City and County of
9 San Francisco, all officers, boards, commissions and departments shall implement the
10 Precautionary Principle in conducting the City and County affairs; and

11 WHEREAS, the Precautionary Principle requires public servants to take anticipatory
12 action to prevent harm and through exploration and careful analysis select courses of action
13 that present the least threat to all; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Hunters Point Shipyard redevelopment undertaken by the Lennar
15 Corporation has raised broad community concern regarding the negative effects of toxic
16 contaminants and asbestos exposure to the residents of Bay View Hunters Point; and

17 WHEREAS, An April 2000 environmental impact report on shipyard reuse raised that
18 there are asbestos-containing serpentinite rock at the Hunters Point Shipyard and that
19 construction-related excavation activities could cause chrysotile asbestos associated with
20 serpentinite to become airborne thus affecting public health and safety; and,

21 WHEREAS, DPH has issued three Notices of Violations to Lennar for not following
22 their own dust mitigation plan and for problems in monitoring airborne asbestos; and,

23 WHEREAS, Since the beginning of construction at the Hunters Point Shipyard, there
24 has been a progressive increase in reports of nose bleeds and hospitalization due to asthma
25 attacks; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urge the Department of Public Health
2 (DPH) to contract with an independent entity to do a health assessment testing for toxic
3 exposure of residents living in proximity to the Hunters Point Shipyard; and,

4 RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors urge DPH to exercise it's power under Article
5 31 of the Health Code to shut down construction activities temporarily until the effects of this
6 exposure can be accurately assessed.

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