

1 [Biosciences Task Force.]

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3 **Resolution establishing a Biosciences Task Force to make policy recommendations to**  
4 **the Board of Supervisors and setting forth the membership and duties of the Task**  
5 **Force.**

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7 WHEREAS, Research and development land uses, including bioscience industries are  
8 relatively new industries that are expected to grow in the Bay Area because of the presence of  
9 university-based research facilities, such as at the University of California, and a prevalence  
10 of research and development land uses and the availability of substantial venture capital; and

11 WHEREAS, Bioscience industries have several components including laboratory  
12 research, academic and technology-based research, development and manufacturing of  
13 medicines and medical devices, and supplying of goods, machinery, instruments and other  
14 products for bioscience firms; and

15 WHEREAS, Bioscience industries have a range of facility design needs that include  
16 industrial, laboratory, laboratory-support and office uses; and

17 WHEREAS, The City's land use categories as set forth in the San Francisco Planning  
18 Code use traditional industrial classifications which are not expressly tailored to address  
19 newer industries such as the biosciences that are based on science, knowledge and  
20 information technologies; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the last several years, the City has approved redevelopment plans in  
22 the Mission Bay South Redevelopment Plan Area and the Hunters Point Shipyard  
23 Redevelopment Area that create land use classifications for research and development  
24 industries and identify with specificity the kinds of research and development activities  
25 permitted in those areas; and

1           WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Agency is undertaking a public process to develop  
2 amendments to the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan and that planning process is  
3 evaluating areas within the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan Area that would be desirable  
4 locations for bioscience uses; and

5           WHEREAS, The City Planning Department, with the support of the Board of  
6 Supervisors is currently engaged in a community planning process in the City's Eastern  
7 Neighborhoods, including the Mission, South of Market, Showplace Square/Potrero Hill, South  
8 Bayshore and Visitacion Valley; and

9           WHEREAS, The Eastern Neighborhoods contain all of the City's industrially zoned land  
10 and recent rapid economic growth followed by rapid decline has resulted in tremendous  
11 change in these areas and intense land use conflicts; and

12           WHEREAS, The community planning process is examining the need for and space  
13 requirements of production, distribution and repair industries, as well as housing needs and  
14 appropriate locations for mix-use development; and

15           WHEREAS, The community planning process will help inform and shape permanent  
16 zoning controls in the Eastern Neighborhoods; and

17           WHEREAS, The community planning process in the Eastern Neighborhoods would  
18 benefit from a study of the land use needs of bioscience industries and land use controls  
19 appropriate for these industries; and

20           WHEREAS, Given the varied components of biosciences, there may be areas of the  
21 City, in addition to those that have traditionally housed industrial uses, where some  
22 components of bioscience industries might be appropriate land uses and might provide local  
23 job opportunities, now, therefore, be it

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1           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
2 hereby establishes a task force which shall be known as the San Francisco Biosciences Task  
3 Force; and, be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following 20 members  
5 of which 14 shall be voting members:

- 6           • one (1) from a business association;
- 7           • one (1) member with expertise in the bioscience industry;
- 8           • one (1) from an urban planning association;
- 9           • one (1) from an educational institution with expertise in the biosciences and the  
10           bioscience industry;
- 11           • one (1) from an organized labor entity that represents employees of bioscience  
12           companies or research institutions;
- 13           • one (1) from a private real estate firm that represents companies seeking  
14           bioscience space in the Bay Area;
- 15           • one (1) from an organization that specializes in job training and placement;
- 16           • five (5) from neighborhood organizations with one (1) each from the Mission; South  
17           of Market, Potrero Hill/Dogpatch, Bayview Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley/Little  
18           Hollywood neighborhoods;
- 19           • two (2) from neighborhood organizations within the City and County of San  
20           Francisco and outside of the neighborhoods listed above;
- 21           • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of City Planning or his/her  
22           appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force;
- 23           • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of Public Health or his/her  
24           appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force;

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- 1           • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of Building Inspection or  
2           his/her appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task  
3           Force;
- 4           • one (1) member to include the director of the Department of Environment or his/her  
5           appointed representative who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force;
- 6           • one (1) member to include the director of the Mayor’s Office on Economic  
7           Development or his/her appointed representative who shall not be a voting member  
8           of the Task Force;
- 9           • one (1) member appointed by the City Attorney from the City’s Attorney’s Office  
10          who shall not be a voting member of the Task Force; and, be it

11          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall develop recommended policies for  
12          consideration by the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors on land use controls  
13          for biosciences industries in areas outside of the Mission Bay, Hunters Point Shipyard, and  
14          Hunters Point Redevelopment Areas, including but not limited to, addressing (a) how to define  
15          a land use classification for the Planning Code that includes biosciences, either as its own  
16          classification or as part of a research and development land use classification; (b) whether to  
17          retain for biosciences uses, the Planning Code provision which allows laboratory space as an  
18          accessory use to non-industrial uses under specified circumstances; (c) where to permit as of  
19          right, conditionally permit or prohibit biosciences uses, taking into account the authorized  
20          bioscience activities and their locations in the Mission Bay and Hunters Point Shipyard  
21          Redevelopment Plans and those bioscience activities and areas under consideration in any  
22          preliminary draft plan that would amend the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan; and, be it

23          FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its recommendations to the  
24          Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission no later than April 15, 2003; and, be it

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1           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force is hereby directed to establish its own  
2 rules of operations, including election of a chairperson and establishing a schedule for its  
3 meetings, which shall comply with the City's Sunshine Ordinance requirements; and be it

4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Administrative Services shall provide  
5 such staff support to the Task Force as is necessary to notice meetings, maintain minutes of  
6 the meetings, produce and distribute agendas and materials for meetings and comply with the  
7 requirements of the City's Sunshine Ordinance; and, be it

8           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall sunset on August 1, 2003, unless  
9 further extended by the Board of Supervisors.

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