

1 [Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force.]

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3 **Resolution establishing a 22 member Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force.**

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5 WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Commission removed western SoMa from
6 the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning process and declared that the zoning of western SoMa
7 would not be considered again until the area had undergone a comprehensive community-
8 based planning process; and,

9 WHEREAS, The community repeatedly expressed a desire to use the existing zoning
10 as the starting point for such a planning process; and,

11 WHEREAS, There is a consensus that immediate attention be devoted to the
12 preservation of existing housing, particularly in the alleys of western SoMa, where affordable
13 housing currently serves the working class, families, longtime residents, elderly, artists,
14 musicians and others; and,

15 WHEREAS, The mixed-use character, which includes service and light industrial jobs,
16 residential uses, and arts and entertainment opportunities, helps to define what is unique and
17 desirable about living in western SoMa; and,

18 WHEREAS, There is a need for more community-serving retail and commercial uses;
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20 WHEREAS, Improvements to transportation, open space, street safety, bicycle
21 circulation, and mass transit need to be included in any comprehensive planning effort; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors establish a 22 member Western SoMa
24 Citizens Planning Task Force, to be appointed as follows:

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- 1 • 3 member appointed by the Supervisor representing District 6;
 - 2 • 1 member appointed by the Director of the Department of City Planning;
 - 3 • 1 member appointed by the Director of the Transportation Authority;
 - 4 • 17 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors;
- 5 one of whom shall be a longtime resident of western SoMa, one of whom is a more recently
6 arrived resident of western SoMa, one of whom resides in an SRO hotel in western SoMa,
7 one of whom is a youth in western SoMa, one of whom is raising a family in western SoMa,
8 one of whom is a senior in western SoMa, one of whom operates a local business in western
9 SoMa, one of whom works with a community-based organization in western SoMa, one of
10 whom represents the arts, one of whom represents the entertainment industry, one of whom
11 is a non-profit developer, one of whom is a for-profit developer, one of whom is a bicycle
12 advocate, one of whom is a parks and open space advocate, one of whom is a transportation
13 advocate, one of whom is a preservation advocate and one of whom represents labor; and, be
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15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
16 use the existing zoning as the starting point for an analysis of land use decisions that will
17 shape the future of the entire community; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
19 map and evaluate existing Residential Enclave Districts (REDs) and consider modifications to
20 existing RED zoning map boundaries; and, be it

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
22 develop basic RED preservation policies including height, density and design guidelines; and,
23 be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall map
25 and evaluate land uses proximate to existing and proposed REDs and develop basic height,

1 density and design guidelines in order to provide a buffer between REDs and areas where
2 more intense development might be allowed; and, be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
4 map overall western SoMa existing land use conditions; and, be it

5 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
6 develop policies for the preservation of service and light industrial jobs, residential uses, and
7 arts and entertainment opportunities; and, be it

8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
9 consider policies to guide increased heights and density along the major arterial streets where
10 appropriate; and, be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
12 develop policies that promote more community-serving retail and commercial uses and that
13 encourage improvements to transportation, open space, street safety, bicycle circulation, and
14 mass transit; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall
16 strive to ensure that the creation of a future Folsom Boulevard be developed in such a manner
17 as to complement all of the above-referenced goals; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western SoMa Citizens Planning Task Force shall be
19 convened immediately and should meet regularly.

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