

1 [Human Health and Environment Protections for New Electric Generation]

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3 Ordinance adopting minimum requirements for the protection of human health and the  
4 environment for any proposal for new electric generation at the Potrero Power Plant in  
5 Southeast San Francisco; and requiring all City officials and departments to advocate  
6 these requirements, and greater protections, in regulatory proceedings and  
7 negotiations regarding the proposal to build a new power plant at the site of the  
8 existing Potrero Power Plant; and requiring approval of the Board of Supervisors for  
9 any agreement by City officials or departments for new electric generation in Southeast  
10 San Francisco.

11 Note: Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman;  
12 deletions are ~~strikethrough italics Times New Roman~~.  
13 Board amendment additions are double underlined.

14 Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough-normal~~.

15 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

16 Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds and declares as follows:

17 (A) The Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (California Energy  
18 Commission) has recognized Southeast San Francisco as a minority community entitled to  
19 environmental justice;

20 (B) All of the major electrical generating units in San Francisco are located in Southeast San  
21 Francisco which includes the Bayview, Hunters Point, Potrero Hill and Dogpatch  
22 neighborhoods;

23 (C) Southeast San Francisco has a disproportionate number of industrial and polluting  
24 facilities;  
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1 (D) Southeast San Francisco has an extraordinarily high rate of childhood asthma and other  
2 serious respiratory diseases;

3 (E) Fossil fuel generation is associated with pollutants that damage public health;

4 (F) Oil fueled generation, such as that produced by the Potrero Power Plant Units 4, 5, and 6  
5 known as "Peakers", is potentially more harmful than natural gas fueled generation;

6 (G) Alternative fuel sources are more protective of the environment and human health than  
7 fossil fuel generation;

8 (H) The City signed an agreement with PG&E calling for the permanent shutdown of the  
9 Hunters Point power plant, as determined by the appropriate state and federal regulatory  
10 authorities, as soon as the facility is no longer needed to sustain electrical reliability;

11 (I) The California Independent System Operator has identified transmission upgrades that  
12 would assist with providing reliable electricity to San Francisco;

13 (J) The City has agreed with PG&E to advocate the expeditious development of capacity  
14 (generation and/or transmission) which minimizes adverse community and environmental  
15 impacts to replace the Hunters Point power plant;

16 Section 2. Policy. The City and County of San Francisco shall oppose any application  
17 for a proposed siting, expansion or development of fossil fuel power generation at Potrero Hill  
18 Power Plant in Southeast San Francisco and deny any governmental approval that will  
19 facilitate such generation and withhold its approval of any lease, license, permit, easement or  
20 other agreement for such facility unless the applicant can demonstrate the following as  
21 minimum conditions:

22 (A) The proposal and the terms and conditions of the approval will reduce potential and actual  
23 emissions of criteria, toxic, and hazardous air pollutants from levels that would occur in  
24 Southeast San Francisco from whatever source without the construction and operation of the  
25 proposed fossil fuel electric generation project at Potrero Hill Power Plant. For purposes of

1 this section, such levels include emissions from all actual and potential sources that impact  
2 Southeast San Francisco, except that the emissions from the Hunters Point power plant shall  
3 be deemed to be zero, and the emissions from Potrero Units 4, 5, and 6 shall be calculated on  
4 the basis of actual historic annual emissions for each unit;

5 (B) The proposal will result in a binding, enforceable agreement, to which the City and County  
6 of San Francisco is a party, which provides that the Hunters Point Power Plant shall be  
7 permanently shut-down as a source of fossil fuel generation by a date certain which shall be  
8 no later than 90 days from the initial firing of generation equipment for any new fossil fuel  
9 generation at the proposed site;

10 (C) The proposal will result in a binding, enforceable agreement, to which the City and County  
11 of San Francisco is a party, which provides that all existing peaker units at the Potrero Power  
12 plant shall be ~~permanently shut-down as a source of fossil fuel generation by a date certain~~  
13 ~~which shall be no later than 90 days from the initial firing of generation equipment for any new~~  
14 ~~fossil fuel generation at the proposed site permanently shut-down as a source of fossil fuel~~  
15 ~~generation by a date certain which shall be no later than 90 days from the initial firing of~~  
16 ~~generation equipment for any new fossil fuel generation at the proposed site; (1) retrofitted or~~  
17 rebuilt, using the best available pollution control technology (BACT) and (2) used only when  
18 (a) Unit 7 is unavailable due to California ISO scheduled maintenance, or emergencies of  
19 which the City is notified, in writing (giving notice to the San Francisco Public Utilities  
20 Commission, the San Francisco District Attorney and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors),  
21 by the owner/operator of the Plant, including notification of the time estimated to complete the  
22 emergency maintenance, or (b) if there is a natural disaster which disrupts the flow of natural  
23 gas to the Potrero Power Plant. In the event the peaker units are used, the owners and  
24 operators of the Plant shall provide written reports of emissions, as specified by the  
25 Department of Public Health, to the City and County of San Francisco;

1 (D) The proposal will use the least emitting pollution control technology;

2 (E) The proposal will result in a binding, enforceable agreement to which the City and County  
3 of San Francisco is a party, which provides that the existing Unit 3 at the Potrero Power plant  
4 shall be using the least emitting pollution control technology by a date certain which shall be  
5 no later than 90 days from the initial firing of generation equipment for any new fossil fuel  
6 generation at the proposed site;

7 (F) The proposal will result in a binding, enforceable agreement, to which the City and County  
8 of San Francisco is a party, requiring the shut down of Unit 3 of the Potrero Hill power plant as  
9 soon as the facility is no longer needed to sustain electric reliability in San Francisco and the  
10 surrounding area and after appropriate regulatory approvals, and further requiring that within  
11 one year of permanent shutdown, the decommissioning of Unit 3 of the Potrero Hill power  
12 plant and remediation of the site will begin expeditiously;

13 (G) The Applicant has provided sufficient mitigation to the impacted communities in  
14 Southeast San Francisco to offset any adverse social, economic, cultural, environmental, and  
15 public health impacts associated with the fossil fuel generation;

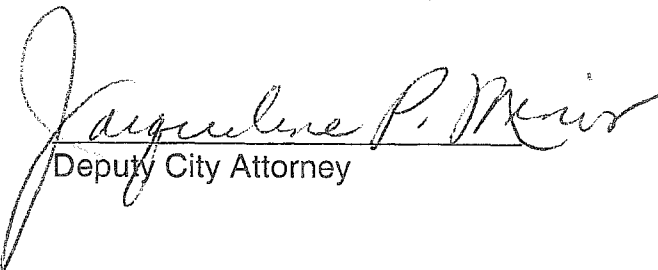
16 (H) The Applicant shall agree to notify the City and County of San Francisco before it seeks  
17 to change or modify any permit required to own, operate, or construct the proposed fossil fuel  
18 electric generation project at Potrero Hill Power Plant;

19 Section 3. Approvals. Any agreement by City officials or departments for or related to new  
20 electric generation in ~~Southeast~~ San Francisco shall require approval of the Board of  
21 Supervisors.

22 Section 4. Energy Resource Plan. The Board of Supervisors, working with the Public Utilities  
23 Commission and the Department of the Environment shall, after public hearings, adopt plans  
24 by ~~December,~~December 1, 2001 to implement all practical transmission, conservation,

1 efficiency, and renewable alternatives to fossil fuel generation in the City and County of San  
2 Francisco. Such plans shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors by January 1, 2002.

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4 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
5 LOUISE H. RENNE, City Attorney

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7 By:   
8 Deputy City Attorney  
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# City and County of San Francisco

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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

## Tails Ordinance

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May 21, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Peskin,  
Sandoval, Yee

Absent: 1 - Newsom

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May 21, 2001 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED

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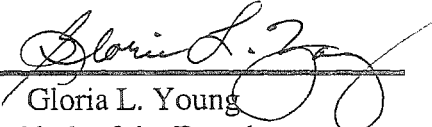
May 29, 2001 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, Newsom, Peskin,  
Sandoval

Absent: 2 - McGoldrick, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on May 29, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

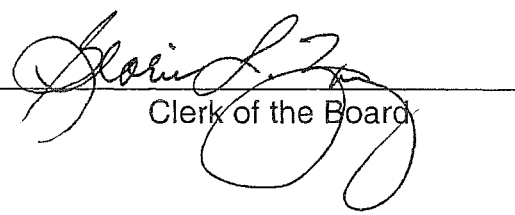
  
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Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

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Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.

June 8, 2001

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, became effective without his approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter.

  
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Clerk of the Board

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