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(Substituted, 12/13/2016)

[Planning Code - Potrero HOPE SF Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to create the Potrero HOPE SF Special Use District to facilitate development of the Potrero HOPE SF project by modifying requirements related to permitted uses, dwelling unit density, building height and bulk standards, and parking and streetscape matters; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

The Potrero HOPE SF (Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere San Francisco) project (“Project”) is located on parcels that are designated as Residential, Mixed Districts, Moderate Density (RM-2) use.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance adds sections 249.76 and 263.31 to the Planning Code. The new sections establish the Potrero HOPE SF Special Use District (“SUD”). The SUD overlays the existing zoning to create an additional set of controls on top of and taking precedence over the RM-2 zoning.

Background Information

The Potrero HOPE SF project is generally bounded by Wisconsin, 23rd, Missouri, Texas, 25th, Connecticut, and 26th Streets. The Project involves replacing all 606 existing public housing units and integrating additional affordable and market-rate homes into the community for a total of approximately 1,700 units. Amenities will include open space, local services, and retail opportunities. The Project as a whole was evaluated in a Final Environmental Impact Statement, which was certified by HUD, and a Final Environmental Impact Report, which was certified and approved by the Planning Commission.

The Project is part of the City’s HOPE SF program. HOPE SF is the nation’s first large-scale public housing transformation collaborative aimed at disrupting intergenerational poverty, reducing social isolation, and creating vibrant mixed-income communities without mass displacement of current residents. Launched in 2007, HOPE SF is a human and real estate capital commitment by the City. HOPE SF, the City’s signature anti-poverty and equity initiative, is committed to breaking intergenerational patterns related to the insidious impacts

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of trauma and poverty, and to creating economic and social opportunities for current public housing residents through deep investments in education, economic mobility, health and safety.

This ordinance facilitates the orderly development of this site by establishing the SUD to accommodate and regulate Project development. By separate legislation, the Board is considering a number of actions in furtherance of the Project, including the approval of amendments to the City's General Plan, Planning Code and Zoning Map, and approval of a Development Agreement.

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