

1 [Urging the Planning Commission to Recommend Amendments to the General Plan
2 Concerning Adoption of the Central South of Market Area Plan]

3 **Resolution urging the Planning Commission to recommend amendments to the**
4 **General Plan to add the Central South of Market Area Plan.**

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6 WHEREAS, In April 2001, the Planning Department began its public presentations for
7 what is now the Central South of Market (SoMa) Area Plan at a meeting of the Planning
8 Commission; and

9 WHEREAS, The Planning Department participated in more than 14 public hearings
10 before the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions to discuss the Plan, two hearings
11 at the Board of Supervisor’s Land Use Committee, additional hearings at the Arts
12 Commission, Youth Commission; and

13 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has conferred with more than 30 community
14 groups and home owners’ associations to gather input about the Plan; and

15 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has convened a technical advisory committee,
16 participated in an online discussion forum, participated in thousands of individual meetings,
17 phone calls and emails with stakeholders; and

18 WHEREAS, The Planning Department hosted no less than 10 public outreach hearings
19 to engage the citizens of San Francisco to discuss the Plan; and

20 WHEREAS, The Planning Department took the community on several walking tours of
21 the Plan Area, established a storefront charette, and conducted two community surveys to
22 provide information and gather input on the Plan; and

23 WHEREAS, The community has been engaged in the development and refinement of
24 the Plan; and

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1 WHEREAS, The Plan was drafted and refined with the intent to enable growth while
2 maintaining neighborhood character, both architectural and cultural; and

3 WHEREAS, The Plan was drafted and refined to promote best practices for
4 environmentalism; and

5 WHEREAS, The Plan ensures public amenities and community improvements for
6 residents and visitors to Central SoMa; and

7 WHEREAS, The Plan prioritizes walking, bicycling and use of public transit; and

8 WHEREAS, the plan provides for more housing, and can be the first Plan in San
9 Francisco history to achieve 33% of the units produced as affordable housing; and

10 WHEREAS, On February 27, 2018, legislation was introduced to amend the Planning
11 Code and Zoning Maps in order to adopt the Central SoMa Plan; and

12 WHEREAS, The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Central SoMa Plan
13 was published on December 14, 2016; the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the
14 DEIR on January 26, 2017; and public comments on the DEIR were accepted from December
15 14, 2016, through February 13, 2017; and

16 WHEREAS, A number of conforming amendments to elements of the General Plan are
17 required in order to include the Central SoMa Plan in the General Plan and to resolve
18 inconsistencies between the General Plan and the Central SoMa Plan; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Planning Commission to recommend to the
20 Board those proposed amendments to the General Plan that are on file with the Clerk of the
21 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and that will make the General Plan consistent
22 with the Central SoMa Plan; and, be it

23 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board urges the Planning Commission to
24 recommend to the Board those proposed amendments to the Planning Code and Zoning
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1 Maps that are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and to
2 do so expediently.

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