

1 [Biosciences Task Force.]

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Agency is undertaking a public process to develop
25 amendments to the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan and that planning process is

1 evaluating areas within the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan Area that would be desirable
2 locations for bioscience uses; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following 21 members
2 of which 15 shall be voting members appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Board:

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

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

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

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its recommendations to the
21 Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission no later than ~~October 10, 2003~~; six
22 months from the date that the appointment of a quorum of the voting membership of the Task
23 Force becomes effective; 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 ~~January 9, 2004~~, eight
9 months from the date that the appointment of a quorum of the voting membership of the Task
10 Force becomes effective unless further extended by the Board of Supervisors.

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