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MEMORANDUM

TO: Daniel Adams, Director, Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
Julie Kirschbaum, Director of Transportation

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: March 25, 2026

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Chen on March 17, 2026.

File No. 260284

Resolution urging the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prioritize the remaining 100 Affordable Housing units at the Potrero Yard Modernization Project and formally commit to producing an additional 365 units of affordable housing to mitigate the loss of units at the Potrero Yard Modernization Project.

If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

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1 [Urging MOHCD and SFMTA to Prioritize Affordable Housing Commitments at the Potrero
2 Yard Modernization Project]

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6 **and formally commit to producing an additional 365 units of affordable housing to**
7 **mitigate the loss of units at the Potrero Yard Modernization Project.**

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9 WHEREAS, The Potrero Yard Modernization Project, located at 17th Street and Bryant
10 Street, was designed as a once-in-a-generation joint development project to combine a
11 modern transit facility with 465 units of 100% affordable housing, meeting the City’s priorities
12 of providing reliable public transit and meeting our Regional Housing Needs Allocation
13 (RHNA) goals under the Housing Element to build over 46,000 affordable homes; and,

14 WHEREAS, To ensure the project reflected the needs of the surrounding community,
15 the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) established the Potrero Yard
16 Neighborhood Working Group in 2018, a volunteer body comprised of Mission District
17 residents, small business owners, labor representatives, and advocates from community-
18 based organizations; and,

19 WHEREAS, For over eight years and through more than 55 public meetings, the
20 Working Group dedicated thousands of hours to shaping the project’s design, public art, and
21 affordable housing component, operating under the SFMTA’s promise to the public, which
22 committed to transparency and a collaborative decision-making process; and,

23 WHEREAS, The Working Group was instrumental in securing the community’s trust
24 and political support for the project based on the specific commitment to maximize public land
25 for the public good through the delivery of 465 affordable homes; and,

1 WHEREAS, In 2024, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors each
2 unanimously approved entitlements legislation for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project with
3 the 465-unit affordable housing component, with each body citing the widespread and strong
4 public community support for the innovative joint-development project; and

5 WHEREAS, On March 3, 2026, the SFMTA Board of Directors approved a massive
6 reduction in housing scope for the Potrero Yard Modernization Project, reducing the number
7 of affordable homes from 465 to 100 units, a net loss of 365 affordable housing units or 80%
8 of the affordable homes previously approved by the MTA Board and this Board of Supervisors
9 in 2024; and,

10 WHEREAS, The 80% reduction of affordable housing units after a multi-year
11 engagement process with the Mission District community and the affordable housing
12 development team that invested over \$700,000 in predevelopment costs has resulted in
13 significant loss of trust with the public of our City's commitment to delivering 46,000 affordable
14 homes as required under our RHNA goals; and

15 WHEREAS, The SFMTA has a significant inventory of public lands, including 34 sites
16 that it has identified for future joint development, that comprise parking lots, parking garages,
17 and facilities, which provide a significant opportunity to leverage new 100% affordable
18 development; and

19 WHEREAS, The loss of 365 units on this site is a devastating blow to the Mission
20 District, a neighborhood that has experienced major displacement of its working-class
21 residents and where affordable housing needs remain acute; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby commends the Potrero Yard
23 Neighborhood Working Group for their voluntary commitment, dedication, and engagement to
24 public transit and affordable housing; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges MOHCD to identify
2 funding for 365 affordable units, in addition to units in the current pipeline, and SFMTA to
3 deliver the 365 affordable units in 100% affordable projects on SFMTA public lands to replace
4 those lost at Potrero Yard, ensuring that the community's eight-year vision is ultimately
5 realized and that San Francisco is working towards its RHNA goals of building 46,000
6 affordable homes; and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges SFMTA and MOHCD to
8 collaborate and prioritize the remaining 100 units of affordable housing at the Potrero Yard
9 project; urging MOHCD to commit to gap financing for the remaining affordable housing by
10 Spring 2027 to the development team so that construction of the bus yard and the affordable
11 homes occur simultaneously, preventing further delay and loss of affordable housing.

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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)



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- 5. City Attorney Request
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- 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
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The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- Small Business Commission Youth Commission Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission Building Inspection Commission Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- Yes No

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