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Case No.: **2014-001272GPA**
Project Name: **Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project**
Existing Zoning: M-2 (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District
P (Public) Zoning District
40-X and 65-X Height and Bulk Districts
Block/Lot: 4052/001, 4110/001 and 008A, 4111/004, 4120/002,
Proposed Zoning: Pier 70 Mixed-Use Zoning District
65-X and 90-X Height and Bulk Districts
Project Sponsor: Port of San Francisco and Forest City Development California Inc.
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RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE AMENDMENTS TO MAP NO. 04 AND MAP NO. 05 OF THE URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT OF GENERAL PLAN AND THE LAND USE INDEX OF THE GENERAL PLAN TO PROVIDE REFERENCE TO THE PIER 70 MIXED-USE PROJECT SPECIAL USE DISTRICT, AND MAKING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1, AND FINDINGS UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT.

WHEREAS, Section 4.105 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco provides to the Planning Commission the opportunity to periodically recommend General Plan Amendments to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Planning Code Section 340(C), the Planning Commission ("Commission") initiated a General Plan Amendment for the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project ("Project"), per Planning Commission Resolution No. 19949 on June 22, 2017.

WHEREAS, these General Plan Amendments would enable the Project. The Project includes new market-rate and affordable residential uses, commercial use, retail-arts-light industrial uses, parking, shoreline improvements, infrastructure development and street improvements, and public open space. Depending on the uses proposed, the Project would include between 1,645 to 3,025 residential units, a maximum of 1,102,250 to 2,262,350 gross square feet (gsf) of commercial-office use, and a maximum of 494,100 to 518,700 gsf of retail-light industrial-arts use. The Project also includes construction of transportation and circulation improvements, new and upgraded utilities and infrastructure, geotechnical and shoreline improvements, between 3,215 to 3,345 off-street parking spaces in proposed buildings and district parking structures, and nine acres of publicly-owned open space.

WHEREAS, the Project would construct new buildings that would range in height from 50 to 90 feet, as is consistent with Proposition F which was passed by the voters of San Francisco in November 2014.

WHEREAS, these General Plan Amendments would amend Map No. 04 "Urban Design Guidelines for Heights of Buildings" and Map No. 5 "Urban Design Guidelines for Bulk of Buildings" in the Urban Design Element to reference the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project Special Use District, as well as update and amend the Land Use Index of the General Plan accordingly.

WHEREAS, this Resolution approving these General Plan Amendments is a companion to other legislative approvals relating to the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project, including recommendation of approval of Planning Code Text Amendments and Zoning Map Amendments, approval of the Pier 70 SUD Design for Development and recommendation for approval of the Development Agreement.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR for the Pier 70 Mixed Project (FEIR) and found the FEIR to be adequate, accurate and objective, thus reflecting the independent analysis and judgment of the Department and the Commission, and that the summary of comments and responses contained no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and approved the FEIR for the Project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31.

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, by Motion No. 19976, the Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project as accurate, complete and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

WHEREAS, on August 24, 2017, the Commission by Motion No. 19977 approved California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Findings, including adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), under Case No. 2014-001272ENV, for approval of the Project, which findings are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

WHEREAS, the CEQA Findings included adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) as Attachment B, which MMRP is hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein and which requirements are made conditions of this approval.

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2017, the Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on General Plan Amendment Application Case No. 2014-001272GPA. At the public hearing on July 20, 2017, the Commission continued the adoption of the General Plan Amendment Application to the public hearing on August 24, 2017.

WHEREAS, a draft ordinance, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, approved as to form, would amend Map No. 04 "Urban Design Guidelines for Heights of Buildings" and Map No. 05 "Urban Design Guidelines for Bulk of Buildings" in the Urban Design Element, and the Land Use Index of the General Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission hereby finds that the General Plan Amendments promote the public welfare, convenience and necessity for the following reasons:

1. The General Plan Amendments would help implement the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project development, thereby evolving currently under-utilized industrial land for needed housing, commercial space, and parks and open space.
2. The General Plan Amendments would help implement the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project, which in turn will provide employment opportunities for local residents during construction and post-occupancy, as well as community facilities and parks for new and existing residents.

3. The General Plan Amendments would help implement the Pier 70 Mixed-Use Project by enabling the creation of a mixed-use and sustainable neighborhood, with fully rebuilt infrastructure. The new neighborhood would improve the site's multi-modal connectivity to and integration with the surrounding City fabric, and connect existing neighborhoods to the City's central waterfront.
4. The General Plan Amendments would enable the construction of a new vibrant, safe, and connected neighborhood, including new parks and open spaces. The General Plan Amendments would help ensure a vibrant neighborhood with active streets and open spaces, high quality and well-designed buildings, and thoughtful relationships between buildings and the public realm, including the waterfront.
5. The General Plan Amendments would enable construction of new housing, including new on-site affordable housing, and new arts, retail and manufacturing uses. These new uses would create a new mixed-use neighborhood that would strengthen and complement nearby neighborhoods.
6. The General Plan Amendments would facilitate the preservation and rehabilitation of portions of the Union Iron Works Historic District--an important historic resource listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission finds these General Plan Amendments are in general conformity with the General Plan, and the Project and its approvals associated therein, all as more particularly described in Exhibit A to the Development Agreement on file with the Planning Department in Case No. 2014-001272DVA, are each on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended as described herein, and as follows:

HOUSING ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

IDENTIFY AND MAKE AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT ADEQUATE SITES TO MEET THE CITY'S HOUSING NEEDS, ESPECIALLY PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

POLICY 1.1

Plan for the full range of housing needs in the City and County of San Francisco, especially affordable housing.

POLICY 1.8

Promote mixed use development, and include housing, particularly permanently affordable housing, in new commercial, institutional or other single use development projects.

POLICY 1.10

Support new housing projects, especially affordable housing, where households can easily rely on public transportation, walking and bicycling for the majority of daily trips.

The Project is a mixed-use development with between 1,645 and 3,025 dwelling units at full project build-out, which provides a wide range of housing options. As detailed in the Development Agreement, the Project exceeds the inclusionary affordable housing requirements

of the Planning Code, through a partnership between the developer and the City to reach a 30% affordable level.

OBJECTIVE 11

SUPPORT AND RESPECT THE DIVERSE AND DISTINCT CHARACTER OF SAN FRANCISCO'S NEIGHBORHOODS.

POLICY 11.1

Promote the construction and rehabilitation of well-designed housing that emphasizes beauty, flexibility, and innovative design, and respects existing neighborhood character.

POLICY 11.2

Ensure implementation of accepted design standards in project approvals.

POLICY 11.7

Respect San Francisco's historic fabric, by preserving landmark buildings and ensuring consistency with historic districts.

The Project, as described in the Development Agreement and controlled in the Design for Development (D4D), includes a program of substantial community benefits designed to revitalize a former industrial shipyard and complement the surrounding neighborhood. Through the standards and guidelines in the D4D, the Project would respect the character of existing historic resources, while providing for a distinctly new and unique design. The Project retains three historic resources (Buildings 2, 12 and 21) and preserves the character of the Union Iron Works Historic District by providing for compatible new construction.

OBJECTIVE 12

BALANCE HOUSING GROWTH WITH ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT SERVES THE CITY'S GROWING POPULATION.

POLICY 12.1

Encourage new housing that relies on transit use and environmentally sustainable patterns of movement.

POLICY 12.2

Consider the proximity of quality of life elements, such as open space, child care, and neighborhood services, when developing new housing units.

The Project appropriately balances housing with new and improved infrastructure and related public benefits.

The project site is located adjacent to a transit corridor, and is within proximity to major regional and local public transit. The Project includes incentives for the use of transit, walking and bicycling through its TDM program. In addition, the Project's streetscape design would enhance vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access and connectivity through the site. The Project will establish a new bus line through the project site, and will provide an open-to-the-public shuttle.

Therefore, new residential and commercial buildings constructed as part of the Project would rely on transit use and environmentally sustainable patterns of movement.

The Project will provide over nine acres of new open space for a variety of activities, including an Irish Hill playground, a market square, a central commons, a minimum ½ acre active recreation on the rooftop of buildings, and waterfront parks along 1,380 feet of shoreline.

The Project includes substantial contributions related to quality of life elements such as open space, affordable housing, transportation improvements, childcare, schools, arts and cultural facilities and activities, workforce development, youth development, and historic preservation.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

MANAGE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CHANGE TO ENSURE ENHANCEMENT OF THE TOTAL CITY LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

POLICY 1.1

Encourage development which provides substantial net benefits and minimizes undesirable consequences. Discourage development which has substantial undesirable consequences that cannot be mitigated.

The Project is intended to provide a distinct mixed-use development with residential, office, retail, cultural, and open space uses. The Project would leverage the Project site's location on the Central Waterfront and close proximity to major regional and local public transit by building a dense mixed-use development that allows people to work and live close to transit. The Project's buildings would be developed in a manner that reflects the Project's unique location in a former industrial shipyard. The Project would incorporate varying heights, massing and scale, maintaining a strong streetwall along streets, and focused attention around public open spaces. The Project would create a balanced commercial center with a continuum of floorplate sizes for a range of users, substantial new on-site open space, and sufficient density to support and activate the new active ground floor uses and open space in the Project.

The Project would help meet the job creation goals established in the City's Economic Development Strategy by generating new employment opportunities and stimulating job creation across all sectors. The Project would also construct high-quality housing with sufficient density to contribute to 24-hour activity on the Project site, while offering a mix of unit types, sizes, and levels of affordability to accommodate a range of potential residents. The Project would facilitate a vibrant, interactive ground plane for Project and neighborhood residents, commercial users, and the public, with public spaces that could accommodate a variety of events and programs, and adjacent ground floor building spaces that include elements such as transparent building frontages and large, direct access points to maximize circulation between, and cross-activation of, interior and exterior spaces.

OBJECTIVE 2

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

POLICY 2.1

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the city.

See above (Commerce and Industry Element Objective 1 and Policy 1.1) which explain the Project's contribution to the City's overall economic vitality.

OBJECTIVE 3

PROVIDE EXPANDED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITY RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THE UNEMPLOYED AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED.

POLICY 3.2

Promote measures designed to increase the number of San Francisco jobs held by San Francisco residents.

The Project would help meet the job creation goals established in the City's Economic Development Strategy by generating new employment opportunities and stimulating job creation across all sectors. The Project will provide expanded employment opportunities for City residents at all employment levels, both during and after construction. The Development Agreement, as part of the extensive community benefit programs, includes focused workforce first source hiring – both construction and end-user – as well as a local business enterprise component.

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 2

USE THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM AS A MEANS FOR GUIDING DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

POLICY 2.1

Use rapid transit and other transportation improvements in the city and region as the catalyst for desirable development, and coordinate new facilities with public and private development.

POLICY 2.5

Provide incentives for the use of transit, carpools, vanpools, walking and bicycling and reduce the need for new or expanded automobile and automobile parking facilities.

The Project is located within a former industrial shipyard, and will provide new local, regional, and statewide transportation services. The Project is located in close proximity to the Caltrain Station on 22nd Street, and the Muni T-Line along 3rd Street. The Project includes a detailed TDM program, including various performance measures, physical improvements and monitoring and enforcement measures designed to create incentives for transit and other alternative to the single occupancy vehicle for both residential and commercial buildings. In addition, the Project's design, including its streetscape elements, is intended to promote and enhance walking and bicycling.

OBJECTIVE 23

IMPROVE THE CITY'S PEDESTRIAN CIRCULATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT, PLEASANT, AND SAFE MOVEMENT.

POLICY 23.1

Provide sufficient pedestrian movement space with a minimum of pedestrian congestion in accordance with a pedestrian street classification system.

POLICY 23.2

Widen sidewalks where intensive commercial, recreational, or institutional activity is present, sidewalks are congested, where sidewalks are less than adequately wide to provide appropriate pedestrian amenities, or where residential densities are high.

POLICY 23.6

Ensure convenient and safe pedestrian crossings by minimizing the distance pedestrians must walk to cross a street.

The Project will re-establish a street network on the project site, and will provide pedestrian improvements and streetscape enhancement measures as described in the D4D and reflected in the mitigation measures and Transportation Plan in the Development Agreement. The Project would establish 21st Street (between the existing 20th and 22nd Streets) and Maryland Street, which would function as a main north-south thoroughfare through the project site. Each of the new streets would have sidewalks and streetscape improvements as is consistent with the Better Streets Plan.

URBAN DESIGN ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

EMPHASIS OF THE CHARACTERISTIC PATTERN WHICH GIVES TO THE CITY AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS AN IMAGE, A SENSE OF PURPOSE, AND A MEANS OF ORIENTATION.

POLICY 1.1

Recognize and protect major views in the city, with particular attention to those of open space and water.

As explained in the D4D, the Project uses a mix of scales and interior and exterior spaces, with this basic massing further articulated through carving and shaping the buildings to create views and variety on the project site, as well as pedestrian-friendly, engaging spaces on the ground. The Project maintains and opens view corridors to the waterfront.

POLICY 1.2

Recognize, protect and reinforce the existing street pattern, especially as it is related to topography.

POLICY 1.3

Recognize that buildings, when seen together, produce a total effect that characterizes the city and its districts.

The Project would re-establish the City's street pattern on the project site, and would construct new buildings, which would range in height from 50 and 90 feet. These new buildings would be viewed in conjunction with the three existing historic resources (Buildings 2, 12 and 21) on the project site, and the larger Union Iron Works Historic District. The Project would include new construction, which is sensitive to the existing historic context, and would be compatible, yet differentiated, from the historic district's character-defining features. The Project is envisioned as an extension of the Central Waterfront and Dogpatch neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVE 2

CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES WHICH PROVIDE A SENSE OF NATURE, CONTINUITY WITH THE PAST, AND FREEDOM FROM OVERCROWDING.

POLICY 2.4

Preserve notable landmarks and areas of historic, architectural or aesthetic value, and promote the preservation of other buildings and features that provide continuity with past development.

POLICY 2.5

Use care in remodeling of older buildings, in order to enhance rather than weaken the original character of such buildings.

The Project would revitalize a portion of a former industrial shipyard, and would preserve and rehabilitate important historic resources, including Buildings 2, 12 and 21, which contribute to the Union Iron Works Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. New construction would be designed to be compatible, yet differentiated, with the existing historic context.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1

ENSURE A WELL-MAINTAINED, HIGHLY UTILIZED, AND INTEGRATED OPEN SPACE SYSTEM.

POLICY 1.1

Encourage the dynamic and flexible use of existing open spaces and promote a variety of recreation and open space uses, where appropriate.

POLICY 1.7

Support public art as an essential component of open space design.

The Project would build a network of waterfront parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities on the 28-Acre Site that, with development of the Illinois Street Parcels, will more than triple the amount of parks in the neighborhood. The Project will provide over nine acres of new open space for a variety of activities, including an Irish Hill playground, a market square, a central commons, a minimum ½ acre active recreation on the rooftop of buildings, and waterfront parks along 1,380 feet of shoreline. In addition, the Project would provide new private open space for each of the new dwelling units.

POLICY 1.12

Preserve historic and culturally significant landscapes, sites, structures, buildings and objects.

See Discussion in Urban Element Objective 2, Policy 2.4 and 2.5.

OBJECTIVE 3

IMPROVE ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY TO OPEN SPACE.

POLICY 3.1

Creatively develop existing publicly-owned right-of-ways and streets into open space.

The Project provides nine acres of new public open space and opens up new connections to the shoreline in the Central Waterfront neighborhood. The Project would encourage non-automobile transportation to and from open spaces, and would ensure physical accessibility these open spaces to the extent feasible.

CENTRAL WATERFRONT AREA PLAN
Objectives and Policies

Land Use

OBJECTIVE 1.1

ENCOURAGE THE TRANSITION OF PORTIONS OF THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT TO A MORE MIXED-USE CHARACTER, WHILE PROTECTING THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S CORE OF PDR USES AS WELL AS THE HISTORIC DOGPATCH NEIGHBORHOOD.

POLICY 1.1.2

Revise land use controls in formerly industrial areas outside the core Central Waterfront industrial area, to create new mixed use areas, allowing mixed-income housing as a principal use, as well as limited amounts of retail, office, and research and development, while protecting against the wholesale displacement of PDR uses.

POLICY 1.1.7

Ensure that future development of the Port's Pier 70 Mixed Use Opportunity Site supports the Port's revenue-raising goals while remaining complementary to the maritime and industrial nature of the area.

POLICY 1.1.10

While continuing to protect traditional PDR functions that need large, inexpensive spaces to operate, also recognize that the nature of PDR businesses is evolving gradually so that their production and distribution activities are becoming more integrated physically with their research, design and administrative functions.

OBJECTIVE 1.2

IN AREAS OF THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT WHERE HOUSING AND MIXED-USE IS ENCOURAGED, MAXIMIZE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL IN KEEPING WITH NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER.

POLICY 1.2.1

Ensure that infill housing development is compatible with its surroundings.

POLICY 1.2.2

For new construction, and as part of major expansion of existing buildings in neighborhood commercial districts, require housing development over commercial. In other mixed-use districts encourage housing over commercial or PDR where appropriate.

POLICY 1.2.3

In general, where residential development is permitted, control residential density through building height and bulk guidelines and bedroom mix requirements.

POLICY 1.2.4

Identify portions of Central Waterfront where it would be appropriate to increase maximum heights for residential development.

OBJECTIVE 1.4

SUPPORT A ROLE FOR "KNOWLEDGE SECTOR" BUSINESSES IN APPROPRIATE PORTIONS OF THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT.

POLICY 1.4.1

Continue to permit manufacturing uses that support the Knowledge Sector in the Mixed Use and PDR districts of the Central Waterfront.

POLICY 1.4.3

Allow other Knowledge Sector office uses in portions of the Central Waterfront where it is appropriate.

OBJECTIVE 1.7

RETAIN THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT'S ROLE AS AN IMPORTANT LOCATION FOR PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND REPAIR (PDR) ACTIVITIES

POLICY 1.7.3

Require development of flexible buildings with generous floor-to-ceiling heights, large floor plates, and other features that will allow the structure to support various businesses.

Housing

OBJECTIVE 2.1

ENSURE THAT A SIGNIFICANT PERCENTAGE OF NEW HOUSING CREATED IN THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT IS AFFORDABLE TO PEOPLE WITH A WIDE RANGE OF INCOMES.

POLICY 2.1.1

Require developers in some formally industrial areas to contribute towards the City's very low, low, moderate and middle income needs as identified in the Housing Element of the General Plan.

OBJECTIVE 2.3

REQUIRE THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF UNITS IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TWO OR MORE BEDROOMS EXCEPT SENIOR HOUSING AND SRO DEVELOPMENTS UNLESS ALL BELOW MARKET RATE UNITS ARE TWO OR MORE BEDROOM UNITS.

POLICY 2.3.1

Target the provision of affordable units for families.

POLICY 2.3.2

Prioritize the development of affordable family housing, both rental and ownership, particularly along transit corridors and adjacent to community amenities.

POLICY 2.3.3

Require that a significant number of units in new developments have two or more bedrooms, except Senior Housing and SRO developments.

POLICY 2.3.4

Encourage the creation of family supportive services, such as child care facilities, parks and recreation, or other facilities, in affordable housing or mixed-use developments.

Built Form

OBJECTIVE 3.1

PROMOTE AN URBAN FORM THAT REINFORCES THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT'S DISTINCTIVE PLACE IN THE CITY'S LARGER FORM AND STRENGTHENS ITS PHYSICAL FABRIC AND CHARACTER.

POLICY 3.1.1

Adopt heights that are appropriate for the Central Waterfront's location in the city, the prevailing street and block pattern, and the anticipated land uses, while producing buildings compatible with the neighborhood's character.

POLICY 3.1.2

Development should step down in height as it approaches the Bay to reinforce the city's natural topography and to encourage and active and public waterfront.

POLICY 3.1.6

New buildings should epitomize the best in contemporary architecture, but should do so with full awareness of, and respect for, the height, mass, articulation and materials of the best of the older buildings that surrounds them.

POLICY 3.1.9

Preserve notable landmarks and areas of historic, architectural or aesthetic value, and promote the preservation of other buildings and features that provide continuity with past development.

OBJECTIVE 3.2

PROMOTE AN URBAN FORM AND ARCHITECTURAL CHARACTER THAT SUPPORTS WALKING AND SUSTAINS A DIVERSE, ACTIVE AND SAFE PUBLIC REALM.

POLICY 3.2.1

Require high quality design of street-facing building exteriors.

POLICY 3.2.2

Make ground floor retail and PDR uses as tall, roomy and permeable as possible.

POLICY 3.2.5

Building form should celebrate corner locations.

OBJECTIVE 3.3

PROMOTE THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, ECOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING AND THE OVERALL QUALITY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IN THE PLAN AREA

POLICY 3.3.1

Require new development to adhere to a new performance-based ecological evaluation tool to improve the amount and quality of green landscaping.

POLICY 3.3.3

Enhance the connection between building form and ecological sustainability by promoting use of renewable energy, energy-efficient building envelopes, passive heating and cooling, and sustainable materials.

Transportation

OBJECTIVE 4.1

IMPROVE PUBLIC TRANSIT TO BETTER SERVE EXISTING AND NEW DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL WATERFRONT

POLICY 4.1.4

Reduce existing curb cuts where possible and restrict new curb cuts to prevent vehicular conflicts with transit on important transit and neighborhood commercial streets.

POLICY 4.1.6

Improve public transit in the Central Waterfront including cross-town routes and connections the 22nd Street Caltrain Station and Third Street Light Rail.

OBJECTIVE 4.3

ESTABLISH PARKING POLICIES THAT IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF NEIGHBORHOODS AND REDUCE CONGESTION AND PRIVATE VEHICLE TRIPS BY ENCOURAGING TRAVEL BY NON-AUTO MODES

POLICY 4.3.1

For new residential development, provide flexibility by eliminating minimum off-street parking requirements and establishing reasonable parking caps.

POLICY 4.3.2

For new non-residential development, provide flexibility by eliminating minimum off-street parking requirements and establishing caps generally equal to the previous minimum requirements. For office uses limit parking relative to transit accessibility.

OBJECTIVE 4.4

SUPPORT THE CIRCULATION NEEDS OF EXISTING AND NEW PDR AND MARITIME USES IN THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT

POLICY 4.4.3

In areas with a significant number of PDR establishments and particularly along Illinois Street, design streets to serve the needs and access requirements of trucks while maintaining a safe pedestrian and bicycle environment.

OBJECTIVE 4.5

CONSIDER THE STREET NETWORK IN CENTRAL WATERFRONT AS A CITY RESOURCE ESSENTIAL TO MULTI-MODAL MOVEMENT AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

POLICY 4.5.2

As part of a development project's open space requirement, require publicly-accessible alleys that break up the scale of large developments and allow additional access to buildings in the project.

POLICY 4.5.4

Extend and rebuild the street grid, especially in the direction of the Bay.

OBJECTIVE 4.7

IMPROVE AND EXPAND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BICYCLING AS AN IMPORTANT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION

POLICY 4.7.1

Provide a continuous network of safe, convenient and attractive bicycle facilities connecting Central Waterfront to the citywide bicycle network and conforming to the San Francisco Bicycle Plan.

POLICY 4.7.2

Provide secure, accessible and abundant bicycle parking, particularly at transit stations, within shopping areas and at concentrations of employment.

POLICY 4.7.3

Support the establishment of the Blue-Greenway by including safe, quality pedestrian and bicycle connections from Central Waterfront.

Streets & Open Space

OBJECTIVE 5.1

PROVIDE PUBLIC PARKS AND OPEN SPACES THAT MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS, WORKERS AND VISITORS

POLICY 5.1.1

Identify opportunities to create new public open spaces and provide at least one new public open space serving the Central Waterfront.

POLICY 5.1.2

Require new residential and commercial development to provide, or contribute to the creation of public open space.

OBJECTIVE 5.4

THE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM SHOULD BOTH BEAUTIFY THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND STRENGTHEN THE ENVIRONMENT

POLICY 5.4.1

Increase the environmental sustainability of Central Waterfronts system of public and private open spaces by improving the ecological functioning of all open space.

POLICY 5.4.3

Encourage public art in existing and proposed open spaces.

Historic Preservation

OBJECTIVE 8.2

PROTECT, PRESERVE, AND REUSE HISTORIC RESOURCES WITHIN THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT AREA PLAN

POLICY 8.2.2

Apply the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties in conjunction with the Central Waterfront area plan and objectives for all projects involving historic or cultural resources.

OBJECTIVE 8.3

ENSURE THAT HISTORIC PRESERVATION CONCERNS CONTINUE TO BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ONGOING PLANNING PROCESSES FOR THE CENTRAL WATERFRONT AREA PLAN

POLICY 8.3.1

Pursue and encourage opportunities, consistent with the objectives of historic preservation, to increase the supply of affordable housing within the Central Waterfront plan area.

The Central Waterfront Area Plan anticipated a new mixed-use development at Pier 70. The Project is consistent with the objectives and policies of the Central Waterfront Plan, since the Project adaptively reuses a portion of a former industrial shipyard and provides a new mixed-use development with substantial community benefits, including nine-acres of public open space, new streets and streetscape improvements, on-site affordable housing, rehabilitation of three historic buildings, and new arts, retail and light manufacturing uses. New construction will be appropriately designed to fit within the context of the Union Iron Works Historic District. In addition, the Project includes substantial transit and infrastructure improvements, including new on-site TDM program, facilities for a new public line through the project site, and a new open-to-the public shuttle service.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission finds these General Plan Amendments are in general conformity with the Planning Code Section 101.1, and the Project and its approvals associated therein, all as more particularly described in Exhibit B to the Development Agreement on file with the Planning Department in Case No. 2014-001272DVA, are each on balance, consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended as described herein, and as follows:

- 1) *That existing neighbor-serving retail uses will be preserved and enhanced, and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;*

No neighborhood-serving retail uses are present on the Project site. Once constructed, the Project will contain major new retail, arts and light industrial uses that will provide opportunities for employment and ownership of retail businesses in the community. These new uses will serve nearby residents and the surrounding community. In addition, building tenants will patronize existing retail uses in the community (along 3rd Street and in nearby Dogpatch), thus enhancing the local retail economy. The Development Agreement includes commitments related to local hiring.

- 2) *That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;*

No existing housing will be removed for the construction of the Project, which will provide at full build-out between 1,645 and 3,025 new residential units. The Project is designed to revitalize a former industrial site and provide a varied land use program that is consistent with the surrounding Central Waterfront and Dogpatch neighborhoods, and the historic context of the Union Iron Works Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Project provides a new neighborhood complete with residential, office, retail, arts, and light manufacturing uses, along with new transit and street infrastructure, and public open space. The Project design is consistent with the historic context, and provides a desirable, pedestrian-friendly experience with interactive and engaged ground floors. Thus, the Project would preserve and contribute to housing within the surrounding neighborhood and the larger City, and would otherwise preserve and be consistent with the neighborhood's industrial context.

- 3) *That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;*

The construction of the Project will not remove any residential uses, since none exist on the project site. The Project will enhance the City's supply of affordable housing through its affordable housing commitments in the Development Agreement, which will result in total of 30% on-site affordable housing units.

- 4) *That commuter traffic not impede Muni transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;*

The Project would not impede transit service or overburden streets and neighborhood parking. The Project includes a robust transportation program with an on-site Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program, facilities to support a new bus line through the project site, an open-to-the-public shuttle service, and funding for new neighborhood-supporting transportation infrastructure.

The Project is also well served by public transit. The Project is located within close proximity to the MUNI T-Line Station along 3rd Street and the bus routes, which pick-up/drop-off at 20th and 3rd, and 23rd and 3rd Streets. In addition, the Project is located within walking distance to the 22nd Street Caltrain Station. Future residents would be afforded close proximity to bus or rail transit.

Lastly, the Project contains new space for vehicle parking to serve new parking demand. This will ensure that sufficient parking capacity is available so that the Project would not overburden neighborhood parking, while still implementing a rigorous TDM Plan to be consistent with the City's "transit first" policy for promoting transit over personal vehicle trips.

- 5) *That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;*

Although the Project would displace portions of an industrial use historically associated with the Bethlehem Steel and/or Union Iron Works, the Project provides a strong and diverse economic base by the varied land use program, which includes new commercial office, retail, arts, and light industrial uses. The Project balances between residential, non-residential and PDR (Production, Distribution and Repair) uses. Across the larger site at Pier 70 (outside of the project site), the Port of San Francisco has maintained the industrial shipyard operations (currently under lease by BAE). On the 28-Acre site, the Project includes light manufacturing and arts uses, in order to diversify the mix of goods and services within the

project site. The Project also includes a large workforce development program and protections for existing tenants/artists within the Noonan Building. All of these new uses will provide future opportunities for service-sector employment.

- 6) *That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;*

The Project will comply with all current structural and seismic requirements under the San Francisco Building Code and the Port of San Francisco.

- 7) *That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;*

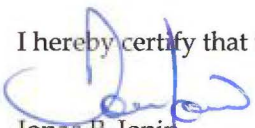
The Project would preserve and rehabilitate a portion of the Union Iron Works Historic District and three of its contributing resources: Buildings 2, 12 and 21. In addition, the Project includes standards and guidelines for new construction adjacent to and within the Union Iron Works Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. These standards and guidelines ensure compatibility of new construction with the character-defining features of the Union Iron Works Historic District, as guided by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. In addition, the Project preserves and provides access to an important cultural relic, Irish Hill, which has been identified as an important resource to the surrounding community.

- 8) *That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.*

The Project will improve access to the shoreline within the Central Waterfront neighborhood, and will provide 9-acres of new public open space. The Project will not affect any of the City's existing parks or open space or their access to sunlight and vistas. A shadow study was completed and concluded that the Project will not cast shadows on any property under the jurisdiction of, or designated for acquisition by, the Recreation and Park Commission.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 340, the Commission recommends to the Board of Supervisors **APPROVAL** of the aforementioned General Plan Amendments. This approval is contingent on, and will be of no further force and effect until the date that the San Francisco Board of Supervisor has approved by resolution approving the Zoning Map Amendment, Planning Code Text Amendment, and Development Agreement.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Resolution on August 24, 2017.


Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Hillis, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar, Moore and Richards
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Fong
ADOPTED: August 24, 2017

