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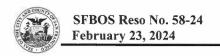
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February 23, 2024

Re: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 58-24

Dear Supervisors:

On February 6, 2024, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted Resolution No. 58-24 (Opposing California State Senate Bill No. 951 (Wiener) Unless Amended and Expressing Support for the California Coastal Act and Recognizing the Authority of the California Coastal Commission), which was enacted on February 16, 2024.

The Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward the following document to the attention of "members of the Boards of Supervisors in the 14 other coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego."

One copy of Resolution No. 58-24 (File No. 240065)

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the Office of the Clerk of the Board at (415) 554-5184, or by e-mail: board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Sincerely.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

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c. Members of the Board of Supervisors; President Aaron Peskin
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 Susanna Conine-Nakano, Office of the Mayor
 Paul Yoder, Karen Lange, Erica Smith, City Lobbyists - Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.

[Opposing California State Senate Bill No. 951 (Wiener) and Expressing Support for the California Coastal Act and Recognizing the Authority of the California Coastal Commission]

Resolution opposing California State Senate Bill No. 951 (Wiener) and setting forth the City and County of San Francisco's support for the California Coastal Act and the recognition of the value of the California Coastal Commission to enforce the California Coastal Act.

WHEREAS, In 1972, California voters, alarmed that unchecked industrial and luxury-residential development was cutting off public access to the shore of the State of California, approved by Proposition 20, The California Coastal Zone Conservation Act was passed, to oversee the use of and development along California's 840 mile coastline; and

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Zone Conservation Act stated "it is the policy of the State to preserve, protect, and where possible, restore the resources of the coastal zone for the enjoyment of the current and succeeding generations"; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 20's voter initiative was a hard-fought campaign, which ultimately led to the passage of the California Coastal Act by the State legislature, which was signed into law in 1976 by Governor Jerry Brown, and which is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240065, and hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein; and

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Act was enacted with provisions empowering the California Coastal Commission to protect and provide for affordable housing and maximize public access on and along the California coast, and despite actions to weaken those authorities, the Coastal Act and the Coastal Commission are the reasons California's coast remains open to all Californians rather than being dominated by luxury hotels and condominiums, as modeled by the Jersey Shore or South Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Coastal Commission is the primary agency which issues Coastal Development Permits, although once a local agency (a County or City) has a Local Coastal Program (LCP) which has been certified by the Commission, that local agency takes over the responsibility for issuing Coastal Development Permits; and

WHEREAS, For areas with Certified LCP's, the Commission does not issue Coastal Development permits, and is instead responsible for reviewing amendments to a local agency's LCP, or reviewing a small subset of Coastal Development Permits issued by local agencies which have been appealed to the commission; and

WHEREAS, The Coastal Commission has been collaborating with local governments in the Coastal Zone for 50 years to address the urgent issues resulting from climate change and sea level rise and coastal hazards; and

WHEREAS, The California Coastal Management Program is widely recognized as the most comprehensive, effective coastal management program in the country and the envy of the nation; and

WHEREAS, The Local Coastal Program (LCP) is a policy and regulatory document required by the California Coastal Act that establishes land use, development, natural resource protection, coastal access, and public recreation policies for San Francisco's Coastal Zone; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco's Local Coastal Program was originally certified in 1986, which policies were incorporated into the Western Shoreline Area Plan, the element of the General Plan that establishes land use, development, and environmental policies for the Central Coast area that encompasses San Francisco, and San Francisco's LCP was later amended and approved by the California Coastal Commission on May 10, 2018, after an extensive planning process was initiated in 2015 and funded by the California Coastal Commission and the Ocean Protection Council; and

WHEREAS, On January 18, 2024, California State Senator Scott Wiener introduced Senate Bill No. 951 (SB 951), on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240065, which is hereby declared to be a part of this Resolution as if set forth fully herein, to reduce the geographic jurisdiction of the Coastal Commission along the Coastline in San Francisco County, to undermine the City and County's decades of environmental planning collaboration with the California Coastal Commission and community stakeholders, and to weaken the Coastal Commission's authority to promote coastal resiliency, equitable public access, habitat protection and other public benefits in the 15 coastal counties in the State of California, including the ability to appeal Coastal Development Permits to the Coastal Commission; and

WHEREAS, Despite an inaccurate narrative that the California Coastal Act somehow blocks housing development, affordable or otherwise, the California Coastal Commission's own database shows that in the 52 years since the Commission was established, only two San Francisco appeals of local coastal development permits have ever been filed – one which was not even taken up by the Commission and one which the Commission ultimately voted to sustain the local approval; and

WHEREAS, The majority of the areas impacted by SB 951 are identified as San Francsico County Tsunami Hazard Areas; and

WHEREAS, The lands proposed for removal from Coastal Commission jurisdiction include the property at 2700 Sloat Blvd. in San Francisco, which property has been proposed for a 589-foot high, 50-story high rise luxury condominium development; and

WHEREAS, Upon introduction, SB 951 claimed to be sponsored by the City and County of San Francisco even though the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the City's designated policy body, had never been consulted nor taken a position on SB 951; and

WHEREAS, Numerous environmental organizations in the State of California, including the Surfrider Foundation (SF Chapter), Azul, and the California Coastal Protection Network, have already expressed alarm that SB 951 will set an adverse precedent for coastal counties to introduce similar legislation to redefine the Coastal Commission's jurisdiction, thereby leading to an irreversible erosion of the mandates of the California Coastal Act to preserve and protect California's cherished coastline and coastal resources for public use and – even more disturbing – to incentivize developer and real estate special interests to invest significant time and money lobbying for special oversight loopholes so that projects (like the 2700 Sloat Blvd. high-rise) can avoid any reasonable government oversight; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco oppose Senate Bill 951, unless amended to maintain the California Coastal Commission's existing geographic and appellate authority, and set forth that the City and County of San Francisco not be listed as a sponsor of this legislation, and that the City Lobbyist shall appropriately lobby against SB 951 in the State legislature, per this official city policy; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be conveyed by the Clerk of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to Senator Wiener, all members of the California State Senate, Assembly members Matt Haney and Phil Ting, and all members of the California State Assembly, as well as members of the Boards of Supervisors in the 14 other coastal counties of Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego.



City and County of San Francisco Tails

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Resolution

File Number: 240065 Date Passed: February 06, 2024

Resolution opposing California State Senate Bill No. 951 (Wiener) unless amended and setting forth the City and County of San Francisco's support for the California Coastal Act and the recognition of the value of the California Coastal Commission to enforce the California Coastal Act.

February 05, 2024 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

February 05, 2024 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

February 06, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 8 - Chan, Mandelman, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

Noes: 3 - Dorsey, Engardio and Melgar

File No. 240065

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 2/6/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Unsigned 02/16/2024

London N. Breed Date Approved Mayor

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

File No. 240065