

1 [Affirming Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report - Treasure Island/Yerba
2 Buena Island Project]

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4 **Motion affirming the Planning Commission's Certification of the Final Environmental**
5 **Impact Report for the Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island Project.**

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7 WHEREAS, The proposed project ("Project") would include: (a) up to 8,000 new
8 residential units, at least 25 percent of which will be made affordable to a broad range of very-
9 low to moderate income households, including 435 units to be developed by the Treasure
10 Island Homeless Development Initiative's member organizations, (b) the adaptive reuse of
11 approximately 311,000 square feet of historic structures, (c) up to approximately 140,000
12 square feet of new retail uses and 100,000 square feet of commercial office space, (d)
13 approximately 300 acres of parks and open space, (e) new and or upgraded public facilities,
14 including a joint police/fire station, a school, facilities for the Treasure Island Sailing Center
15 and other community facilities, (f) a 400-500 room hotel, (g) the investment of approximately
16 \$155 million in transportation infrastructure, (h) the creation of thousands of construction job
17 opportunities and thousands of permanent jobs, all as more particularly described in the
18 Treasure Island/Yerba Buena Island Development and Disposition Agreement ("DDA"), and (i)
19 various related approval actions. A copy of the DDA is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
20 Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference; and,

21 WHEREAS, The Planning Department ("Department") determined that an
22 environmental impact report was required for the Project on January 26, 2008, and provided
23 public notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on January 26, 2008, and
24 held two scoping meetings on February 11, 2008 at the Port of San Francisco and on
25 February 13, 2008 on Treasure Island; and,

1 WHEREAS, On July 12, 2010, the Department and the Treasure Island Development
2 Authority ("TIDA"), acting as co-lead agencies, published the Draft Environmental Impact
3 Report ("DEIR") for the Project (Planning Department File No. 2007.0903E); and,

4 WHEREAS, On August 12, 2010, the Planning Commission and TIDA held a duly
5 advertised joint public hearing on the DEIR at which time opportunity for public comment was
6 provided on the DEIR, and written comments were received through September 10, 2010;
7 and,

8 WHEREAS, The Department and TIDA prepared responses to comments received at
9 the public hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department and TIDA,
10 prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR, and published a Summary of Comments and
11 Responses on March 10, 2011; and,

12 WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was
13 prepared by the Department and TIDA, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and
14 comments received during the review process, any additional information that became
15 available, the Summary of Comments and Responses, and a supplemental memorandum on
16 additional changes, all as required by law; and,

17 WHEREAS, On April 21, 2011, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the
18 FEIR and, by Motion No. 18325, found that the contents of said report and the procedures
19 through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions
20 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and
21 Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. A copy of said Planning Commission
22 Motion is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is
23 incorporated herein by reference; and,

24 WHEREAS, By Motion No. 18325, the Commission found the FEIR to be adequate,
25 accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the Department

1 and the Commission, and that the Summary of Comments and Responses contained no
2 significant revisions to the DEIR. The Commission also adopted findings relating to significant
3 impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance
4 with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and,

5 WHEREAS, In a single appeal letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated
6 May 11, 2011, Saul Bloom on behalf of Arc Ecology, Michael Lynes on behalf of the Golden
7 Gate Audubon Society, Kate Looby on behalf of the Sierra Club-San Francisco Bay Chapter,
8 Brent Plater on behalf of Wild Equity Institute, Ken Masters, and Aaron Peskin filed an appeal
9 of the FEIR to the Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received
10 on or around May 11, 2011; and,

11 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2011, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider
12 the appeal of the FEIR certification filed by Appellant; and,

13 WHEREAS, This Board has reviewed and considered the FEIR, the appeal letter, the
14 responses to concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, and the other
15 written records before the Board of Supervisors, and heard testimony and received public
16 comment regarding the adequacy of the FEIR; and,

17 WHEREAS, The FEIR files and all correspondence and other documents have been
18 made available for review by this Board and the public. These files are available for public
19 review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and are
20 part of the record before this Board by reference in this Motion; now, therefore, be it

21 MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors hereby affirms the decision of the Planning
22 Commission in its Motion No. 18325 to certify the FEIR and finds the FEIR to be complete,
23 adequate and objective and reflecting the independent judgment of the City and in compliance
24 with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.

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