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[Preparation of Findings to Reverse Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report - 800 Presidio Avenue Mixed-Use Project]

Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the certification by the Planning Commission of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the 800 Presidio (Booker T. Washington Community Center) Mixed-Use Project FEIR.

WHEREAS, Equity Community Builders, LLC (the "Project Sponsor") is proposing to demolish the existing 12,600 square-foot Booker T. Washington Community Center at 800 Presidio Avenue and construct a 55-foot tall, 68,206 square-foot building containing a 20,726 square-foot community center and gymnasium and 50 affordable housing units for emancipated foster youth and households earning up to 60 percent of area median income and 21 off-street parking spaces (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor submitted an initial proposal for the Project to the Planning Department for the City and County of San Francisco (the "Department") on October 12, 2006 (City Planning File No. 2006.0868E); and

WHEREAS, the Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on March 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, On June 23, 2010, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On August 5, 2010, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the DEIR, at which time opportunity for public comment was received on the DEIR, and written comments were received through August 10, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The Department prepared responses to comments received at the public hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department, prepared revisions to the text

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of the DEIR and published a Draft Summary of Comments and Responses on April 14, 2011, and

WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available and the Draft Summary of Comments and Responses, all as required by law; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2011, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR and, by Motion No. 18340, found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, By Motion No. 18340, the Planning Commission found the FEIR to be adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the Department and the Planning Commission and that the Summary of Comments and Responses contained no significant revisions to the DEIR, adopted findings relating to significant impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, On April 28, 2011, by Motions No. 18341 and No. 18342, the Planning Commission adopting CEQA Findings in support of the approval of the Project, including a mitigation monitoring and reporting program and findings of significant and unavoidable impacts; approved a planned unit development through a conditional use permit for the Project; and recommended to the Board of Supervisors amendments to the Planning Code to establish the Presidio-Sutter Affordable Housing Special Use District to allow reclassification of the Project site's 40-foot height limit and an increase in residential density; and

WHEREAS, By letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated May 17, 2011, Mr. Stephen M. Williams, on behalf of the Neighbors for Fair Planning ("Appellant"), filed an appeal of the FEIR to the Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received on or around May 18, 2011; and

WHEREAS, On June 14, 2011, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal of the FEIR certification filed by Appellant; and

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

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

MOVED, That this Board directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings specifying the basis for its reversal of the certification of the FEIR by the Planning Commission.

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