

1 [Supporting the Central Subway Project and Replacement Housing Obligation]

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3 **Resolution supporting the Central Subway Project, replacement of all demolished rent**  
4 **controlled units, and that which provides relocation packages to all displaced tenants.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Central Subway, Phase 2 of the Third Street Light Rail Project, will  
7 complete a transit link connecting the southeastern sector of the City to the heart of San  
8 Francisco's retail and financial centers and Chinatown; and

9 WHEREAS, The project will serve a low-income, transit dependent population and  
10 provide access to jobs and services within the corridor, which is projected to see a 26 percent  
11 increase in population and a 61 percent increase in employment; and

12 WHEREAS, 54 percent of the current residents in the entire Third Street corridor and  
13 68 percent in the Central Subway segment do not own a vehicle; and

14 WHEREAS, The Central Subway is integral to the region's transportation future and will  
15 improve connections between Caltrain, BART and Muni Metro; and

16 WHEREAS, This project will provide significant community benefits including shorter  
17 commute times, reduced traffic congestion and cleaner air for residents, workers and visitors  
18 alike; and

19 WHEREAS, The completed Central Subway alignment is projected to significantly  
20 increase ridership and reduce trip times from the beginning to the end of the alignment from  
21 20 to 7 minutes; and

22 WHEREAS, By 2030, the Third Street Light Rail, which includes the Central Subway,  
23 will have a 20 percent higher ridership level than the N Judah, which is Muni's most active line  
24 at present, and

1           WHEREAS, This project will create over 30,000 jobs over the course of its construction  
2 and beyond according to job projection formulas developed by the American Public  
3 Transportation Association, and

4           WHEREAS, The project will require the demolition of rent controlled housing stock and  
5 displacement of 19 low-income households from Chinatown, and

6           WHEREAS, The Chinatown Area Plan in Policy 3.1 expressly states "Chinatown's  
7 6,500 housing units, with their moderate rent are a virtually irreplaceable housing resource.  
8 The protection already provided to residential hotel units (two thirds of Chinatown's housing)  
9 needs to be extended to apartment units as well. Demolition should be allowed only if that is  
10 the only way to protect public safety or for a specific use in which there is a high degree of  
11 community need. Low cost housing removed by new development should be replaced on a  
12 unit for unit basis and adequate relocation assistance for all displaced persons should be  
13 assured"; and

14           WHEREAS, It is in the City's best interest to require the project to provide a relocation  
15 package for the displaced households that will provide them with the opportunity to reside  
16 permanently in San Francisco in or near Chinatown, now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the expeditious completion of all  
18 requirements necessary to enter into a Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit  
19 Administration for the Central Subway project; and be it

20           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisor supports a project that will  
21 replace all demolished rent controlled units on a one for one basis at affordable levels and  
22 that provides relocation packages to all displaced households consistent with the federal  
23 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and the  
24 approve Central Subway Relocation Impact Study and Last Resort Housing Plan that provide  
25 them with the opportunity to remain permanently in or near San Francisco's Chinatown.



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October 04, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/4/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

  
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Mayor Edwin Lee

10/14/2011

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Date Approved