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Supervisor Mirkarimi **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

[Approving an Amendment to the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Plan to Extend the Redevelopment Agency's Time for Issuing and Repaying Debt and to Suspend the Limit on Total Tax Increment Revenue for Affordable Housing Development.

Ordinance approving an amendment to the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Plan to extend both the time for issuance of debt and the receipt of tax increment by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency and to suspend the limit on the total number of dollars of tax increment revenue that may be received by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency under the Plan in order to continue financing Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund activities under the Plan.

Note:

Additions are single-underline italics Times New Roman: deletions are strikethrough italics Times New Roman. Board amendment additions are double underlined. Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby finds and declare as follows:

The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco ("Board of a. Supervisors"), as the legislative body of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Redevelopment Agency"), originally approved the Redevelopment Plan for the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Project by adopting Ordinance No. 273-64 on October 13, 1964. Since then, the Board of Supervisors has amended the plan seven times. (The plan, as so amended, is referred to herein as the "Plan"). The Plan contains several limitations on the use of property taxes received pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 33670 previously imposed by the Community Redevelopment Law, California Health and Safety Code Sections 33000 et seq. (All future section references are to the California Health and Safety Code unless otherwise noted.) The Plan presently (i) prohibits.

pursuant to Ordinance No. 211-03, the Redevelopment Agency from incurring new debt after January 1, 2009; (ii) prohibits the Redevelopment Agency from repaying any debt incurred for the Plan after January 1, 2019; and (iii) imposes a \$270 million limit on the total amount of tax increment revenue that the Redevelopment Agency may receive cumulatively over the life of the Plan for redevelopment activities.

- b. The total amount of tax increment revenue received or projected to be received by the Redevelopment Agency over the life of the Plan is over \$268,000,000; thus the limit on tax increment revenue for the Plan has either been reached or substantially reached.
- c. The Plan will expire on January 1, 2009, after which time the Redevelopment Agency shall have no authority to act pursuant to the Plan and Section 33333.6 (a) except to pay previously incurred indebtedness, to comply with Section 33333.8, and to enforce existing covenants, contracts, or other obligations. Furthermore, Section 33333.4 provides that the Redevelopment Agency shall not have the authority to establish or incur loans, advances, or indebtedness to be repaid from the allocation of tax increment after Plan expiration "except as necessary to comply with subdivision (a) of Section 33333.8."
- d. Since January 1, 1976, all redevelopment agencies have had a statutory obligation under Section 33413 to provide an equal number of replacement housing units when they destroy or remove housing affordable by low or moderate income persons ("Affordable Housing") in a redevelopment project area.
- e. In 2000, the California Legislature added Section 33333.7 (Senate Bill No. 2113), which authorized the Redevelopment Agency, with the Board of Supervisors approval, to extend its tax increment revenue financing powers under any pre-1994 redevelopment plan "to redress the demolition of a substantial number of residential dwelling units affordable to very low, low, and moderate income households during the agency's earlier

- f. By virtue of its acknowledgement of the Redevelopment Agency's interest in fulfilling its housing obligation to replace units lost prior to 1976, Section 33333.7 is a statute similar, and related, to Section 33413.
- g. The California Department of Housing and Community Development has determined that, prior to 1976, the Redevelopment Agency demolished 14,207 units and replaced 7,498 units, resulting in a net loss of 6,709 affordable units ("Agency's Housing Obligation"). To date, the Redevelopment Agency has not replaced these lost units, but has committed funding for the construction of approximately 794 replacement units that are in the predevelopment phase.
- h. As originally enacted, Section 33333.7 (Senate Bill No. 2113) authorized the Redevelopment Agency to incur indebtedness exclusively for fulfilling the Agency's Housing Obligation until the earlier of either January 1, 2014 or the Redevelopment Agency's replacement of all Affordable Housing lost as a result of the implementation of redevelopment plans adopted prior to 1976. Section 33333.7 also authorized the Redevelopment Agency to receive tax increment funds through 2044 to repay indebtedness incurred to fund the Agency's Housing Obligation.
- i. In 2001, the California Legislature revised the Health and Safety Code to add Section 33333.8 and Section 33333.6(f). Under Section 33333.8, a local legislative body

must suspend any time limit in a redevelopment plan for the receipt of tax increment revenue and the repayment of debt, and any limit on the total amount of tax increment funds that a redevelopment agency may receive for any project area, until the redevelopment agency fulfills its affordable housing obligations. Section 33333.8(a)(1)(E) defines these housing obligations to include "the obligation to provide replacement housing pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 33413, Article 9 (commencing with Section 33410), and other similar and related statutes" and thus includes the Agency's Housing Obligation.

Section 33333.6(f) confirms that the suspension of plan limits provided by Section 33333.8 applies to redevelopment plans adopted on or before December 31, 1993. Under Section 33333.6(e)(4)(B) and Section 33333.8, the Board of Supervisors may amend or suspend the Plan limits as contemplated by this Ordinance without following the amendment process otherwise required by the Community Redevelopment Law.

- j. Section 33333.8 and its suspension of tax increment limits for the funding of Affordable Housing applies to every redevelopment project area established under the Community Redevelopment Law "[n]otwithstanding any other provision of law." Section 33333.8(a).
- k. Under Section 33333.8 and Section 33333.7, the Redevelopment Agency and the Board of Supervisors have the authority to amend the Plan to extend the Redevelopment Agency's authority: 1) to incur indebtedness for the exclusive purpose of fulfilling the Agency's Housing Obligation until January 1, 2014 (or the date the Redevelopment Agency has satisfied the Agency's Housing Obligation, if earlier); 2) if the Redevelopment Agency has not fulfilled the Agency's Housing Obligation by January 1, 2014, to continue incurring indebtedness for the exclusive purpose of fulfilling the Agency's Housing Obligation until the date the Redevelopment Agency has satisfied the Agency's Housing Obligation; and 3) to

- I. On June 24, 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 08-0922, approving the Redevelopment Agency's budget for fiscal year 2008-09, and Resolution No. 08-0728, authorizing the Redevelopment Agency's issuance of bonds, including at least approximately \$5,000,000 that are contingent on the adoption of this Ordinance.
- m. The Board of Supervisors previously approved the following ordinances extending the Redevelopment Agency's tax increment authority for the exclusive purpose of financing Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund and fulfilling the Redevelopment Agency's Housing Obligation: 1) in Ordinance No. 15-05, extending time limits for establishment of loans, advance, and indebtedness applicable to the Embarcadero-Lower Market (Golden Gateway) Redevelopment Plan, the Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan, and the India Basin Redevelopment Plan; and 2) in Ordinances Nos. 115-07 and 201-07, extending time limits for the Redevelopment Agency's receipt of tax increment and suspending both the limit of total indebtedness outstanding at any one time and the limit on the total number of dollars of tax increment revenue that the Redevelopment Agency may receive under the Rincon Point-South Beach Redevelopment Plan.
- n. The Redevelopment Agency has made all payments to taxing entities required under Section 33607.5 through the January 1, 2009 Plan expiration date.
- o. This Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq. and hereafter referred to as

"CEQA") because it creates a government funding mechanism that does not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment and therefore is not a "project" under Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15060(c)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall not be effective until the Redevelopment Agency shall have adopted a policy requiring that it use, to the greatest extent feasible, any tax increment revenue authorized by the Redevelopment Plan Amendment to fulfill the Agency's Housing Obligation by assisting Affordable Housing in the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Project.

Section 4. The Board of Supervisors shall consider, in deciding whether to approve the Redevelopment Agency's annual budget pursuant to Section 33606 of the California Health and Safety Code, whether the Redevelopment Agency's work program includes, to the

greatest extent feasible, the use of tax increment revenue authorized by the Redevelopment

Plan Amendment to fulfill the Agency's Housing Obligation by assisting Affordable Housing in
the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Project.

Section 35. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to: 1) extend the effectiveness of the Plan beyond its expiration date of January 1, 2009; 2) limit the Redevelopment Agency's ability to refund, in whole or in part, any indebtedness incurred by the Redevelopment Agency for any purpose so long as the refunding achieves debt service savings, or 3) authorize the Redevelopment Agency to incur any indebtedness not previously approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Section-4- 6. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall without delay (1) transmit a copy of this Ordinance to the Redevelopment Agency, (2) record or ensure that the Redevelopment Agency records a certified copy of this Ordinance, and (3) transmit, by certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy of this Ordinance, together with a copy of the Redevelopment Plan Amendment and a legal description of the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Project Area and a map indicating the boundaries of the Western Addition A-2 Redevelopment Project Area, to the Controller, the Tax Assessor, the State Board of Equalization and the governing body of all taxing agencies in the Western Addition A-2.

APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

Ву:

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November 25, 2008 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

December 9, 2008 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

December 9, 2008 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

December 16, 2008 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval

File No. 081283

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on December 16, 2008 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom