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Subject: Emergency Declaration and Request for Public Works' Assistance to Expedite Procurement and Installation of Interim Structures to House Fire Operations

Director Nuru:

I write to provide the following information as to an emergency situation which has arisen on Treasure Island. As you know, in 1997 the Navy closed the former Naval Station Treasure Island and ceased naval operations on Treasure Island. Since that time, the San Francisco Fire Department ("SFFD") has served the community on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island, providing critical emergency services and protecting the lives and property of residents and businesses on the islands.

Until March of 2014, SFFD operated out of the former Navy Fire Station on Avenue D (designated Station 48 by the SFFD). In March of this year, however, surveys performed by the SFFD revealed the presence of mold in the structure which required that the structure be vacated.

In the redevelopment of Treasure Island, Treasure Island Community Development, the master developer, will be required to construct a new joint-use Police and Fire Station on Treasure Island, but not until 2023 under the current schedule for development and the terms of the Disposition and Development Agreement.

In order to provide continuity of protection for the island, SFFD outfitted existing classrooms at the Fire Training Facility on Avenue M to serve as temporary dormitory and operations facilities for the firefighters displaced from Station 48. Although not suitable as a long-term interim facility, in the face of the immediate need for alternative facilities, the Fire Training Facility provided the most readily adaptable space to house the firefighters under these exigent circumstances. The facilities are not, however, on par with those typically provided for SFFD staff, and the Fire Training Facility does not have any covered space where the fire apparatuses assigned to Station 48 can be protected from the elements.

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SFFD, working with the Department of Public Works (“Public Works”) and the Treasure Island Development Authority (“TIDA”), has determined that the best solution for providing an interim fire facility to serve the islands for the next ten years will be to procure and install prefabricated and modular structures. SFFD and Public Works have inspected similar installations in San Mateo and Novato and have developed program requirements for the specification of the structures to be provided. The final value of such work is unknown at this point and will most definitely exceed \$250,000.

As the Treasure Island Director and in order to safeguard the lives and property of the citizens of San Francisco, I am requesting that Public Works declare an emergency pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 6.60, and request Public Works move with all expedience to procure and install interim structures to house fire operations on Treasure Island, improving the living and working conditions of the firefighters who protect the residents, commercial tenants, and visitors to Treasure Island, and providing shelter for the critical fire apparatuses assigned to Station 48.

Yours truly,



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