LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Development Agreement Amendment - Laurel Heights Partners, LLC - 3333 California Street Project - California Street at Presidio Avenue]

Ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and Laurel Heights Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, for the development of an approximately 10.25-acre site located at California Street at Presidio Avenue with various public benefits, including 25% affordable housing, a child care center comprised of approximately 14,665 square feet, and approximately 4.47 acres of open space; making findings under the California Environmental Quality Act, findings of conformity with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1(b); approving certain development impact fees for the project, and waiving certain Planning Code fees and requirements; and confirming compliance with or waiving certain provisions of Administrative Code, Chapter 56, and ratifying certain actions taken in connection therewith, as defined herein.

Background Information

California Government Code sections 65864 et seq. (the "Development Agreement Statute") and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 56 ("Chapter 56") authorize the City to enter into a development agreement regarding the development of real property. There are no amendments to existing law.

Proposed Amendment

Laurel Heights Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Developer") has proposed a mixed-use development project ("Project") for the approximately 10.25-acre site bounded by California Street to the north, Presidio Avenue to the east, Masonic Avenue to the southeast, Euclid Avenue to the south, and Laurel Street and Mayfair Drive to the west. The Project includes converting an existing office building into two residential buildings, constructing 13 new buildings, and developing open space to result in approximately 744 residential units, including 185 on site affordable senior residential units, approximately 34,496 square feet for retail/restaurant/commercial use, 10 below-grade parking garages with approximately 857 parking spaces, an approximately 14,665 gross square foot space for child care use, approximately 41,288 square feet of private open space, and approximately 127,126 square feet of privately owned, publicly accessible open space that will include public pathways through the site and an existing open space at Euclid Avenue.

City staff has negotiated a development agreement with Developer for a term of 15 years. Under the development agreement, Developer will attain the vested right to develop the Project in return for specified community benefits, including the affordable housing, public open space, child care facility, transportation, street improvements, auxiliary water supply system contribution, and workforce commitments made by Developer. Approval of the ordinance would adopt certain environmental findings, allow City staff to enter into the development agreement, and waive specified provisions of the Administrative Code and Planning Code for the Project.

By separate legislation, the Board is considering a number of other actions in furtherance of the Project, including the creation of a special use district and amendments to the City's Planning Code, Height Map and Zoning Map, and approving a major encroachment permit.

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