

1 [Resolution urging the Navy to immediately reinstate the former Restoration Advisory Board.]

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3 **Resolution urging the United States Navy immediately to reinstate the Restoration**
4 **Advisory Board of the Hunters Point Shipyard.**

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6 WHEREAS, Hunters Point Shipyard has been designated by the US Environmental
7 Protection Agency as a Federal Superfund Site containing serious toxic waste, including
8 radiological contamination, heavy metals, volatile compounds, and other hazardous materials
9 that affect human health; and,

10 WHEREAS, The Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is intended
11 to increase community understanding of the shipyard clean-up process, insuring the process
12 is driven by the needs of the community; and,

13 WHEREAS, Navy guidelines state that dissolution of a Restoration Advisory Board
14 should only be an act of last resort after an independent mediator has been brought in to
15 address any conflict within the group; and,

16 WHEREAS, No such mediator was brought in to resolve conflict with the current
17 Restoration Advisory Board before the Navy independently dissolved the Board; and,

18 WHEREAS, The need for a Restoration Advisory Board has increased as plans for
19 potential development at the Hunters Point Shipyard have affected the pace of a potential
20 transfer of Navy property to the City and County of San Francisco; and,

21 WHEREAS, The dissolution of the Restoration Advisory Board in February of 2009 has
22 severely limited public participation and opportunities for community oversight of the Navy's
23 restoration activities at the former Shipyard; and,

24 WHEREAS, The Navy claimed in a May 22, 2009 letter, announcing its intent to
25 dissolve the RAB, that it "fully support[s] the need for open, meaningful dialogue with the

1 diverse Bayview Hunters Point community,” but has yet to explore “other means to
2 accomplish this important goal”; and,

3 WHEREAS, The determining factor of the pace of the Navy’s restoration activities
4 should be the protection of community health, rather than any development plans or timelines
5 as recommended in voter approved Proposition P; and,

6 WHEREAS, There is no compelling rush for the Navy’s activities that justifies by-
7 passing public engagement in the clean-up process; and,

8 WHEREAS, Community interest in oversight and engagement in the Navy’s restoration
9 activities currently underway at the Hunters Point Shipyard is extremely high among the
10 residents of Bayview Hunters Point area; and,

11 WHEREAS, Current decisions made by the Navy will have far reaching implications for
12 the families living in the surrounding area; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to immediately reinstate
14 the Restoration Advisory Board with the complete membership that made up the Board at the
15 time of dissolution, to the extent that former members are available; and, be it

16 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to follow its
17 own guidelines and bring in an independent mediator to address any conflict that exists; and,
18 be it

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to allow
20 adequate time to address questions and concerns raised by the community in relation to the
21 Navy’s restoration activities at the Hunters Point Shipyard; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the City Clerk to forward
23 this resolution to the United States Navy; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors reminds the Navy that the intent of
2 a Restoration Advisory Board is for community oversight even in the face of disagreement or
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