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Resolution approving the issuance and sale of tax-exempt bonds by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Finance Authority For Nonprofit Corporations in a revised aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33,000,000 for financing the rehabilitation of a housing project located at 178 Townsend Street, subject to the policies for such approvals adopted by the Board of Supervisors in Ordinance No. 36-07.

[Issuance and Sale of Revenue Bonds - 178 Townsend Street Housing Project.]

WHEREAS, On May 12, 2009, this Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 192-09 to approve the issuance and sale of tax-exempt bonds by the Association of Bay Area Governments for Nonprofit Corporations in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 for financing the costs of the rehabilitation of a housing project located at 178 Townsend (the "Project") by 178 Townsend Properties, LLC (the "Borrower"); and,

WHEREAS, The Borrower has indicated that due to the loss of a tax equity contribution, an additional \$3,000,000 will be required to fully fund the Project and that additional bond allocation will be required; and,

WHEREAS, The California Debt Limit Allocation Committee requires that Borrower obtain approval from this Board of Supervisors for the additional bond allocation amount of \$33,000,000; and,

WHEREAS, ABAG Finance Authority For Nonprofit Corporations (the "Authority"), proposes to issue multifamily housing revenue bonds (the "Bonds") in the revised amount not to exceed \$33,000,000 and to lend the proceeds thereof to the Borrower, to be used for the costs of the rehabilitation by the Borrower of a 94-unit apartment project known as the 178 Townsend (referred to herein as the "Project") located at 178 Townsend Street in the City and

County of San Francisco, California (the "City"), all to be owned and operated by the Borrower or an entity related thereto or a partner thereof; and,

WHEREAS, The issuance and delivery of the Bonds shall be subject to the approval of and execution by the Authority of all financing documents relating thereto to which the Authority is a party and subject to the sale of the Bonds by the Authority; and,

WHEREAS, The issuance and delivery of the Bonds as tax-exempt obligations shall also be subject to the approval of the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee ("CDLAC"); and,

WHEREAS, The Project is located wholly within the City and County of San Francisco (the "City"); and,

WHEREAS, The interest on the Bonds may qualify for tax exemption under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") only if the Bonds are approved in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Code; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of the City (the "Board") or the Mayor of the City is required to approve the issue within the meaning of Section 147(f) of the Code; and,

WHEREAS, On November 10, 2009, the Borrower caused a notice to appear in the San Francisco Chronicle, which is a newspaper of general circulation in the City, stating that a public hearing with respect to the issuance of the Bonds would be held by the Mayor's Office of Housing on November 24, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Housing will hold the public hearing described above on November 24, 2009, and an opportunity will be provided for citizens to comment on the issuance and sale of the Bonds and the plan of financing for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, The Authority requires that the City adopt a resolution approving the issuance and sale of the Bonds; and,

WHEREAS, In Ordinance No. 36-07 (the "TEFRA Policy Ordinance"), the Board adopted a set of policies relating to the approval of bonds under Section 147(f) of the Code, also known as a "TEFRA Approval"; and,

WHEREAS, City staff has engaged the Issuer and the Borrower in negotiations regarding the satisfaction of the requirements of the TEFRA Policy Ordinance for purposes of this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, If and when the Bonds are issued, the Issuer and the Borrower have agreed that the Bond documents will require the Project to meet certain affordability requirements for at least 55 years, irrespective of the final maturity date of the Bonds, including (i) a provision that annual rent increases for affordable units will be limited to the percentage change in area median income for such years as such amount is determined by HUD. In the event that HUD does not make such a determination such amount shall be determined by the Mayor's Office of Housing; and,

WHEREAS, As required by the TEFRA Policy Ordinance, if and when the Bonds are issued, the Bond regulatory agreement will require the Borrower to comply with the following City policies: Local Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Subcontracting and Jobs Program; Non-Discrimination in Contracts and Equal Benefits Policy; Minimum Compensation Policy; Health Care Accountability Policy; and Prevailing Wage Policy (collectively, the "City Contracting Requirements"); and,

WHEREAS, The City is charged with monitoring compliance with and enforcing such City Contracting Requirements, and is aware of its responsibility in this regard; and,

WHEREAS, A description of the expected ownership and management structure of the Project after issuance in the form required by the TEFRA Policy Ordinance is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 09/339, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein; and,

WHEREAS, The Borrower has agreed to reimburse the City for staff time relating to this Resolution and the satisfaction of the agreements set forth in this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, As reflected in the letter on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 09/39, which is hereby declared to be a part of this resolution as if set forth fully herein, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing recommends passage of this Resolution; and, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Board hereby finds and declares the above recitals are true and correct; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board hereby approves the issuance and sale of the Bonds with respect to the Project by the Authority; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the approval of the issuance and sale of the Bonds by the Authority is neither an approval of the underlying credit issues of the proposed Project nor an approval of the financial structure of the Bonds; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Bonds shall not constitute a debt or obligation of the City and the payment of the principal, prepayment premium, if any, and purchase price of and interest on the Bonds shall be solely the responsibility of Borrower; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, The adoption of this Resolution shall not obligate (i) the City to provide financing to the Borrower for the acquisition, rehabilitation and development of the Project or to issue the Bonds for purposes of such financing; or (ii) the City, or any department of the City, to approve any application or request for, or take any other action in connection with, any environmental, General Plan, zoning or any other permit or other action necessary for the acquisition, rehabilitation, development or operation of the Project; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That in accordance with the TEFRA Policy Ordinance this approval is conditioned on the incorporation of the agreements by the Borrower referenced in

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the recitals of this resolution, including but not limited to the satisfaction of the City Contracting Policies, in the Bond regulatory agreement recorded against the property; and, be it FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

**DENNIS J. HERRERA** 

City Attorney

MARK BLAKE

**Deputy City Attorney** 

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## MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO



GAVIN NEWSOM MAYOR

DOUGLAS SHOEMAKER
DIRECTOR

November 16, 2009

Honorable Chris Daly City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

SUBJ: Resolution approving the issuance and sale of tax-exempt bonds by the ABAG Finance Authority in the amount of \$33,000,000 to finance the adaptive rehabilitation of 178 Townsend into 94 units of housing.

With this letter, I am submitting to you for introduction at the Board of Supervisors meeting on, Tuesday, November 17, 2009, a resolution I recommend for passage regarding qualified mortgage revenue bonds for the proposed 94-unit residential development located at 178 Townsend. The Project is sponsored by 178 Townsend Properties LLC, ("Sponsor"), a single asset corporation with Patrick McNerney as president of the corporation. The Sponsor is proposing to adaptively rehabilitate the building to create housing units, with 80% of the units at market-rate rents and 20% of the units at affordable rents of 50% area median.

On May 12, 2009, the BOS approved the issuance and sale of \$30 million in tax-exempt bond financing by ABAG to fund the adaptive rehabilitation of the building, which when completed will consist of a variety of multi-bedroom units including studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments. Current estimates of the total development costs reveal that additional bond allocation will be required in order to fully fund the project. This request before you is to secure approval of a total bond allocation amount of \$33 million.

In order to meet the deadline for submitting the Issuance resolution to the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC) and close the bond allocation, the Board of Supervisors must finally pass the resolution by November 24, 2009.

The attached resolution has been approved as-to-form by Deputy City Attorney Mark Blake. I am enclosing a brief description of the project for your review.

If you have any questions about the resolution or the project, please contact Joan McNamara at 701-5532.

Sincerely,

Craig Adelman Deputy Director

## INTRODUCTION FORM

By a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor



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