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July 10, 2020

File No. 200422-2

Lisa Gibson Environmental Review Officer Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On July 7, 2020, Supervisor Yee submitted the following substitute legislation:

File No. 200422-2

Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to create the Balboa Reservoir Special Use District and rezone the Balboa Reservoir west basin project site generally bounded by the City College of San Francisco Ocean Campus to the east, Archbishop Riordan High School to the north, the Westwood Park neighborhood to the west, and a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission parcel containing a water pipeline running parallel to a mixed-use multifamily residential development along Ocean Avenue to the south; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency under the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

This substitute legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning Don Lewis, Environmental Planning FILE NO. 200422

1	[Planning Code and Zoning Map - Balboa Reservoir Special Use District]
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7	west, and a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission parcel containing a water
8	pipeline running parallel to a mixed-use multifamily residential development along
9	Ocean Avenue to the south; adopting findings under the California Environmental
10	Quality Act; making findings of consistency under the General Plan, and the eight
11	priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public
12	necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.
13	NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font. Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> .
14 15	Deletions to Codes are in strikethrough italics Times New Roman font. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code
16	subsections or parts of tables.
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18	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:
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20	Section 1. Planning and Environmental Findings.
21	(a) The Balboa Reservoir Project (the "Project") addresses the City's housing
22	challenges by contributing to the City's goal of creating 5,000 housing units each year. The
23	Project site was specifically identified in the General Plan for additional housing in close
24	proximity to local and regional public transportation. The Project implements the goals and
25	objectives of the General Plan Housing Element and of the 2009 Balboa Park Station Area

Plan that calls for the development of a mixed-use residential neighborhood on the west
reservoir to address the citywide demand for housing. The Project also implements the goals
of the City's 2014 Public Land for Housing program and the Surplus Public Lands Initiative
(Proposition K), that the electorate passed in November 2015, by replacing an underused
surface parking lot located on surplus public land with a substantial amount of new housing,
including a high percentage of affordable housing.

7 (b) In companion legislation adopting a Development Agreement associated with the 8 Project, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Planning Commission's environmental findings 9 pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources 10 Code Sections 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Reg. Sections 15000 et 11 seq.), and Chapter 31 of the Administrative Code. For purposes of the actions contemplated 12 in this ordinance, the Board adopts these environmental findings as though fully set forth 13 herein. A copy of said companion legislation is in Board of Supervisors File No. 200423 and 14 its environmental findings are incorporated herein by reference.

(c) The Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 20732, adopted on May 28, 2020,
made findings that the Project and actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on
balance, with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section
101.1. The Board incorporates these findings by reference and adopts these findings as
though fully set forth herein in relation to this ordinance. A copy of said Planning Commission
resolution is in Board of Supervisors File No. 200635.

(d) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that this Planning Code
amendment will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth
in Planning Commission Resolution No. 20733, adopted on May 28, 2020, and the Board
adopts such reasons as its own. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors in File No. 200422 and is incorporated herein by reference.

1 Section 2. The Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Section 249.88, to read 2 as follows:

3 SEC. 249.88. BALBOA RESERVOIR SPECIAL USE DISTRICT. 4 (a) **Purpose and Boundaries.** A Special Use District entitled the "Balboa Reservoir Special 5 Use District" (the SUD) is hereby established, bounded by the City College of San Francisco Ocean 6 Campus to the east, Archbishop Riordan High School to the north, the Westwood Park neighborhood to 7 the west, and a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission parcel containing a water pipeline that is 8 adjacent to a mixed-use multifamily residential development along Ocean Avenue to the south. The 9 precise boundaries of the SUD are shown on Sectional Map SU12 of the Zoning Map. The purpose of 10 the SUD is to implement the land use controls for the Balboa Reservoir Project, which is subject to a 11 Development Agreement, approved by the Board of Supervisors in the ordinance contained in Clerk of 12 the Board of Supervisors File No. 200423. The intent of the SUD is to establish a child- and familyfriendly mixed-use residential neighborhood. The Project will provide several benefits to the City, such 13 14 as a significant amount of new housing, including a high percentage of affordable and educator 15 housing, publicly accessible open space, a child care facility and community room, retail space, and 16 extensive infrastructure improvements, while creating jobs and a vibrant environmentally sustainable 17 community. 18 (b) **Relationship to Other Planning Code Provisions**. Applicable provisions of the Planning 19 Code shall control except as otherwise provided in this Section 249.88. If there is a conflict between 20 other provisions of the Planning Code and this Section 249.88, this Section 249.88 shall prevail. 21 (c) **Relationship to Design Standards and Guidelines.** The Design Standard and Guidelines 22 ("DSG"), adopted by the Planning Commission by Motion No. 20734 on May 28, 2020, and as may be 23 amended from time to time, sets forth design standards and guidelines applicable within the SUD. A 24 copy of the DSG is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 200423. Any 25 capitalized term in this Section 249.88, and not otherwise defined in this Section or elsewhere in the

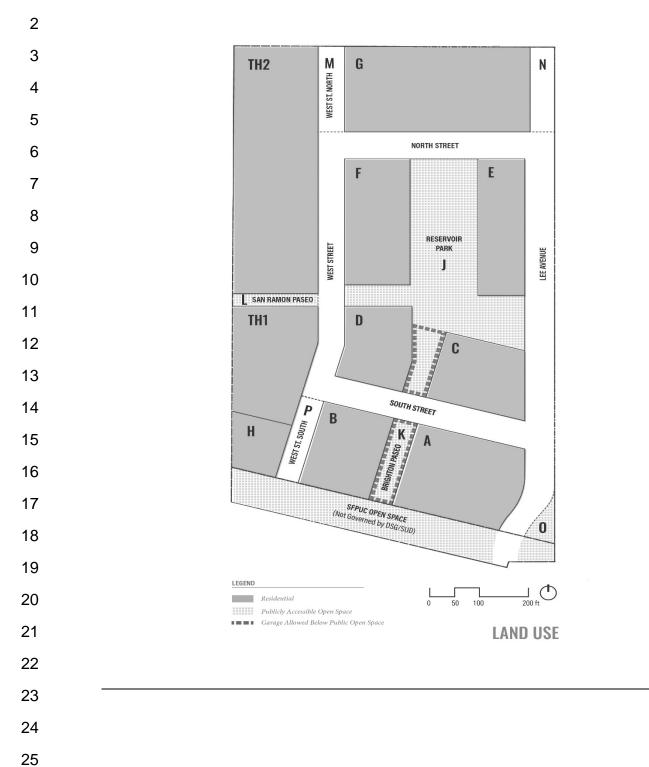
- 2 Planning Code, and the DSG shall be read and construed together so as to avoid any conflict to the
- 3 greatest extent possible. If there is a conflict between the DSG and either this Section or the remainder
- 4 of the Planning Code, this Section or the other provision of the Planning Code shall prevail. Subject to
- 5 *this Section 249.88(c), if a later amendment to any provision of the Planning Code, including this*
- 6 <u>Section 249.88, results in a conflict with the DSG, such amended Planning Code provision shall</u>
- 7 prevail. Amendments to the DSG may be made by the Planning Commission upon initiation by the
- 8 <u>Planning Department or upon application by Developer, but if there is a conflict between an</u>
- 9 *amendment to the DSG and this Section or the remainder of the Planning Code, as applicable, this*
- 10 <u>Section or other provision of the Planning Code shall prevail unless and until such time as this Section</u>
- 11 *or the remainder of the Planning Code is amended to be consistent with the amendment to the DSG.*
- 12 <u>The Planning Director may approve minor amendments to the DSG to clarify its provisions. For the</u>
- 13 *purposes of this subsection (c), "minor amendments" shall be defined as amendments necessary to*
- 14 *clarify omissions or correct inadvertent mistakes in the DSG and are consistent with the intent of the*
- 15 *DSG, the SUD, the General Plan, and the Development Agreement.*
- 16 (d) **Relationship to the Development Agreement**. This Section 249.88 shall be read and
- 17 *construed consistent with the Development Agreement, and all development within the Project Site that*
- 18 *is subject to the Development Agreement shall satisfy the requirements of the Development Agreement*
- 19 *for so long as the Development Agreement remains in effect.*
- 20 (e) Definitions. For purposes of this Section 249.88, the following definitions shall apply. If
- 21 *not expressly superseded by definitions set forth in this subsection (e), all definitions of the Planning*
- 22 <u>Code shall apply.</u>
- 23 "Active Use" means use that consists of a Retail Sales and Service, Entertainment, Arts,
- 24 <u>Recreation, Child Care, Community Facility, or Residential use.</u>
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1	"Block" means a Building Project block or a Publicly Accessible Open Space block as depicted
2	<u>on Figure 249.88-1.</u>
3	"Building Project" or "Building" means the construction of a building or group of buildings
4	within the Project Site.
5	"Building Standards" means the standards applicable to Building Projects and any associated
6	privately-owned open spaces within the SUD, consisting of the standards specified in subsection (g)
7	below and the standards and guidelines designated as such in the DSG. It does not mean Building Code
8	requirements under either the California or San Francisco Building Codes, which this Section 249.88
9	and the DSG do not override.
10	"Cart" means a mobile structure used in conjunction with food service and/or retail uses, that
11	operates intermittently in a publicly accessible open space, and that is removed daily from such open
12	space during non-business hours.
13	"Design Standards and Guidelines" or "DSG" shall mean the Balboa Reservoir Design
14	Standards and Guidelines adopted by Planning Commission Motion No. 20734, and as may be
15	amended from time to time. The Design Standards and Guidelines is incorporated into this Section
16	249.88 by reference.
17	"Developer" means the BHC Balboa Builders, LLC, a California limited liability company, or
18	its successor(s). Developer also may be an applicant.
19	"Development Agreement" means the Development Agreement by and between the City and the
20	Developer, approved by the Board of Supervisors by the ordinance in Board File No. 200423, and as
21	may be amended from time to time.
22	"Development Phase Application" means an application for each Building phase of the Project
23	that describes at a minimum, the Block numbers, the Master Infrastructure Plan elements, and vertical
24	improvements proposed in the phase, including number and sizes of affordable housing units, number
25	and sizes of market rate housing units, and square footage of retail, arts activity, community facility

1	and child care square space, and publicly accessible open space. The Development Phase Application
2	also shall include a list of any requested Minor or Major Modifications that are contemplated to be
3	requested in the phase.
4	"Frontage" means the vertical exterior face or wall of a Building and its linear extent that is
5	adjacent to or fronts on a street, right-of-way, or open space.
6	"Kiosk" means a Building or other structure that is set upon the ground and is not attached to a
7	foundation, such as a shipping container, trailer, or similar structure, from which food service and/or
8	retail business is conducted. A Kiosk may operate in a Publicly Accessible Open Space, and remain in
9	place until the business operation is terminated or relocated.
10	"Major Modification" means a deviation of more than 10% from any dimensional or numerical
11	standard in the Planning Code, this Section 249.88, or in the DSG, except as explicitly prohibited per
12	subsection (g) below.
13	"Mass Reduction" means one or more breaks in a Building that reduce the horizontal scale of
14	the Building into discrete sections.
15	"Master Infrastructure Plan" or "MIP" shall mean the Balboa Reservoir Master
16	Infrastructure Plan approved by the Board of Supervisors as part of the Development Agreement and
17	found in Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 200423, and as may be amended from time to time.
18	"Minor Modification" means a deviation of up to 10% from any dimensional or numerical
19	standard in the Planning Code, this Section 249.88, or in the DSG, except as explicitly prohibited per
20	subsection (g) below, or any deviation from any non-dimensional or non-numerical standard in the
21	<u>DSG.</u>
22	<u>"Multifamily Housing" means a residential Building where multiple separate housing units for</u>
23	residential inhabitants are contained within one Building.
24	"Privately-Owned Community Improvement," means those facilities and services that are
25	privately-owned and privately-maintained, at no cost to the City (other than any public financing set

1	forth in the Financing Plan, a Development Agreement exhibit), for the public benefit, but not
2	dedicated to the City. Privately-Owned Community Improvements include certain pedestrian paseos,
3	storm drainage facilities, publicly accessible open spaces.
4	"Project" means the Balboa Reservoir Project.
5	"Project Site" means the approximately 16.5 acre site shown on Figure 249.88-1 that is within
6	the SUD. The 80-foot wide strip of land along the southern boundary of the west basin that contains
7	SFPUC pipelines is regulated by the Development Agreement, but is not part of the Project Site or
8	within the SUD and remains within a P (Public) zoning district.
9	"Publicly Accessible Open Space" means a usable open space that is accessible to the public,
10	including an unenclosed park or garden at street grade or following the natural topography,
11	improvements to hillsides or other unimproved public areas, an unenclosed plaza at street grade, or an
12	unenclosed pedestrian pathway, or a shared pedestrian/vehicular right-of-way.
13	"Residential Use" means uses that provide housing for San Francisco residents, rather than
14	visitors, including Dwelling Units, Group Housing, Senior Housing, and Student Housing.
15	"Retail Sales and Services" means the use described in Section 102, except for Retail
16	Automobile Uses, Adult Business, Hotel, Motel, and Self-Storage.
17	"Step Back" means a reduction of one or more stories in a portion of one or more upper stories
18	<u>of a Building.</u>
19	"Streetwall" means a continuous façade of a Building and/or Buildings along a street
20	<u>Frontage.</u>
21	"Townhouse" means a single-family dwelling unit that shares a wall with another dwelling and
22	with direct access into the dwelling unit from a street or Publicly Accessible Open Space that does not
23	require access through a lobby, corridor, or other common indoor space shared with other housing
24	<u>units.</u>
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1	(f) Development Controls. This SUD, as established in Section 249.88, and other Planning
2	Code Sections referenced herein establish all zoning controls for the Project Site.
3	<u>(g)</u> Uses.
4	(1) Balboa Reservoir Special Use District Zoning Designations. As shown on the
5	Zoning Map, the SUD is co-terminus with the Balboa Reservoir Mixed Use District (BR-MU). This
6	SUD, as established in Section 249.88, and other Planning Code Sections referenced herein establish
7	all zoning controls for the BR-MU district.
8	(2) Permitted Uses. The following Uses set forth in Table 249.88-1: Balboa Reservoir
9	Land Uses shall be permitted within the different Blocks of the SUD shown in Figure 249.88-1, where P
10	means Permitted Use and NP means Non-permitted Use. All other uses not stated are prohibited.
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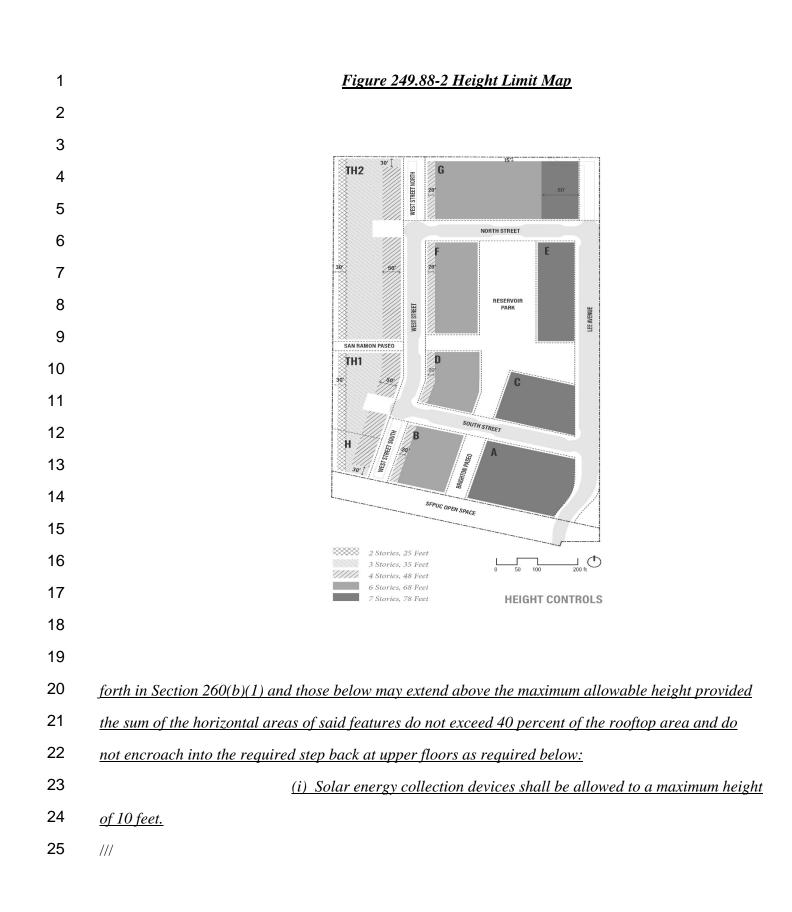


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8	Open Space													
9	Residential Use	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	<i>P</i> (1)	<i>P</i> (1)	NP	NP
10	Child Care	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	P(4)	P(4)
11	Facility	-		•					•		•		1 ())	1 (1)
12	Community	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NP	NP	NP	NP
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15	and Services													
16	(2) Arts	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP
17	Activities (2)	-		-	-	-	-	-	-					
18	Carts and	NP		NP	Ν	Ν	N	N	NP	NP	NP	NP	Р	NP
19	Kiosks (5)				Р	Р	Р	Р						
20	Public	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	NP	NP	P(6)	NP
21	Parking													
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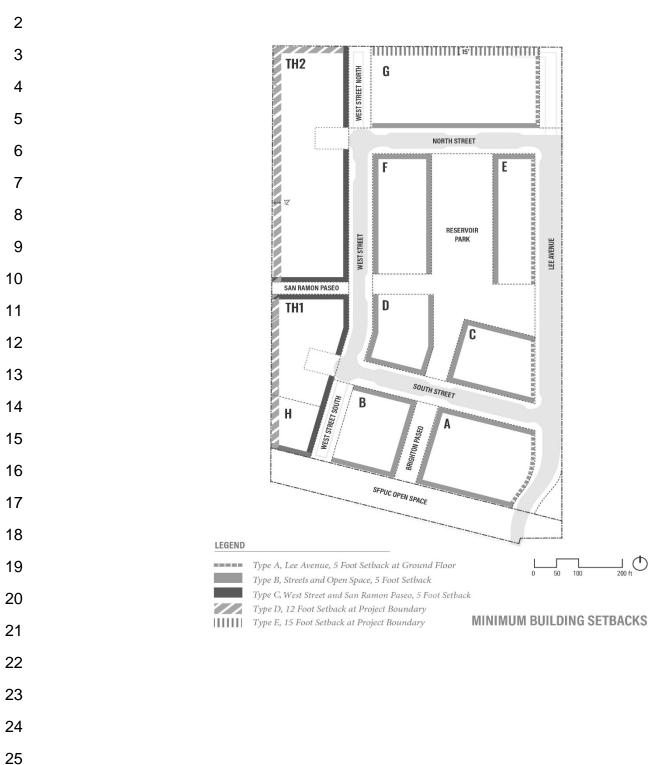
1	on the ground floor and below
2	(3) As defined in Section 102, except Health Care uses are not allowed
3	(4) Child care open space only
4	(5) Carts and Kiosks are allowed in Block J subject to Subsection $(g)(8)(N)$
5	(6) Below grade only as shown in Figure 249.88-1
6	(3) Temporary Uses. Temporary Uses are permitted consistent with Planning Code
7	Sections 205.1 through 205.4 for Neighborhood Commercial Districts.
8	(4) Interim Uses.
9	(A) Prior to completion of the Project, one or more Public or Private Parking
10	Lots, including construction worker parking lots, shall be permitted without regard to the provisions
11	regulating automobile parking set forth in Sections 155, 156, 303(t) or (u), and other provisions of
12	Article 1.5 of this Code, and such parking lot(s) shall not be required to be surrounded by a fence or
13	<u>wall.</u>
14	(B) Prior to completion of the Project, certain other interim uses may be
15	authorized for a period not to exceed five years by the Planning Director, without a public hearing if
16	the Planning Director finds that such Interim Use will not impede orderly development consistent with
17	this Section 249.88, the DSG, and the Development Agreement. Any authorization granted pursuant to
18	this subsection 249.88(g)(4)(B) shall not exempt the Developer from obtaining any other permit
19	required by law. Additional time for such uses may be authorized upon a new application for the
20	proposed Interim Use. Permitted Interim Uses shall include, but are not limited to:
21	(i) Retail Sales and Services;
22	(ii) Entertainment, Arts, and Recreation, including but not limited to
23	temporary art installations, exhibits, and sales, recreational facilities and uses (such as play and
24	climbing structures and outdoor fitness classes), and temporary structures to accommodate events
25	(such as stages, seating, and support facilities for patrons and operations);

1	(iii) Institutional Education Use, including but not limited to after-school
2	day camp and activities;
3	(iv) Site management service, administrative functions, and customer
4	amenities and associated loading;
5	(v) Rental or sales offices incidental to new development; and
6	(vi) Trailers, recreational vehicles, or other temporary housing for
7	construction workers, seasonal labor, or other workforce employment needs.
8	(5) Residential Density. The dwelling unit and group housing density limits applicable
9	in the RM-3 District, as it may be modified pursuant to Section 304, shall govern residential density
10	within the SUD. However, greater residential density than permitted in an RM-3 District may be
11	provided on individual Blocks, as long as the overall density of the SUD does not exceed the density
12	allowed in a RM-3 District, as it may be modified pursuant to Section 304, for the entire SUD.
13	(6) Minimum Dwelling Unit Mix. No less than 30% of the total aggregate number of
14	proposed dwelling units in the SUD shall contain at least two bedrooms, and no less than 10% of the
15	total aggregate number of proposed dwelling units in the SUD shall contain at least three bedrooms,
16	for a total of 40% of units with two bedrooms or more. The minimum dwelling unit mix may be less on
17	any individual Block than otherwise required provided the total dwelling unit mix in the SUD shall not
18	be less than the minimum dwelling unit mix upon completion of the Project.
19	(7) Floor Area Ratio. There shall be no floor-area-ratio limit within the SUD.
20	(8) Building Standards.
21	(A) Building Height. For purposes of the SUD, the height limits shall be as set
22	forth in Section Map HT12 of the Zoning Map and as further limited and detailed in Figure 249.88-2:
23	Building Height Maximums, and as further governed by this Section 249.88(g)(8)(A). The features set
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1	(ii) Rooftop enclosed utility sheds designed exclusively for the storage of
2	landscaping, gardening supplies, and related equipment for living roofs shall be allowed, provided they
3	do not exceed 100 square feet of gross area and a maximum height of 10 feet.
4	(iii) Projections above the allowable height necessary to accommodate
5	additional ceiling height at common amenity spaces located on the top floor shall be allowed to a
6	maximum ceiling height of 10 feet average measured to finished surface at ceiling.
7	(iv) Non-occupied architectural features, including wind screens shall be
8	allowed up to 8 feet above the allowable height.
9	(B) Building Bulk. There are no bulk limits in this SUD.
10	(C) Setbacks. Minimum setbacks of the façade of Buildings from street rights of
11	way and from publicly accessible open space shall be provided in the locations and depth shown in
12	<u>Figure 249.88-3.</u>
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1	(D) Streetwall. A streetwall is required at all Building frontages facing public
2	right of ways, publicly accessible open spaces, and paseos. The required streetwalls shall be located at
3	the setback line or at the property line where there is no setback control. Streetwalls may be offset
4	from the setback line or property line by not more than two feet towards the interior of the Block.
5	Streetwalls shall be provided at not less than 60% of the total area of the Building facade area.
6	Openings to interior courtyards and other breaks in the streetwall that are required under Mass
7	Reduction shall not count towards the required streetwall.
8	(E) Mass Reduction. Buildings taller than 48 feet with a frontage exceeding
9	180 feet in length shall incorporate at least one of the following Mass Reduction strategies:
10	(i) Exterior Recess. Provide a recess at Building exterior with a minimum
11	width of 15 feet and minimum depth of 10 feet from the Building wall extending vertically for height at least
12	75% of the height of the facade. The recess may start at second floor or may terminate at the top floor.
13	(ii) Vertical Elements. Provide a combination of elements consisting of
14	recess and/or projection with a minimum width of 10 feet, minimum depth of five feet, and extending
15	vertically for a height equal to at least 75% of the height of the facade. The cumulative base footprint area
16	of all vertical elements on a frontage shall equal a minimum of 150 square feet to qualify as a mass
17	reduction strategy. Balconies at vertical elements are allowed if the railings are visually differentiated from
18	the main facade.
19	(iii) Alternative means of satisfying the mass reduction requirement for all
20	Blocks shall be as set forth in the DSG.
21	(F) Step Backs at Upper Floors. Each of the Buildings on Blocks A, B, C, D, E,
22	F, and G shall provide one or more step backs at the top floor. The intent of the step backs is to
23	articulate Building silhouettes and to provide potential locations for roof terraces overlooking the
24	shared open space. The required height reduction along West Street shall not count towards the
25	required step back.

1	(i) Blocks A, C, and E shall provide a one-story contiguous step back
2	equal to 15% of the roof area or one-story non-contiguous step backs equal to 25% of the roof area.
3	<u>The contiguous step backs shall have a minimum horizontal dimension of not less than 10 feet.</u>
4	(ii) Blocks B, D, F, and G shall provide a top floor step back equal to
5	10% of the roof area. These step backs may be located in a single contiguous element or may be
6	comprised of multiple elements provided each step back area has a minimum horizontal dimension of
7	not less than 10 feet in all directions.
8	(G) Obstructions. At multifamily buildings, obstructions into setback areas
9	and/or public right of ways are allowed subject to compliance with Planning Code Section 136, in
10	accordance with the following exceptions: Obstructions into required setback areas and/or public right
11	of ways may be up to four feet in horizontal depth, subject to the other limitations set forth in Section
12	<u>136.</u>
13	(H) Setback Requirements; Waiver of Planning Code Sections 132, 133, and
14	134. Rear yard, side yard, or front yard setback requirements shall be set forth in the SUD and DSG in
14 15	134. Rear yard, side yard, or front yard setback requirements shall be set forth in the SUD and DSG in lieu of the provisions of Section 132, 133, and 134.
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1	(J) Usable Open Space. The usable open space requirement for dwelling units
2	shall be 40 square feet of private or common usable open space per unit. For Group Housing, the
3	minimum usable open space requirements shall be one-third the amount specified in this subsection (I)
4	for a dwelling unit. Required usable open space shall be on the same Block as the unit it serves.
5	Publicly Accessible Open Space, streets, and paseos on Blocks J, K, L, M, N, O, and P shall not count
6	towards the required on-site usable open space.
7	(i) Any space credited as private usable open space shall have a
8	minimum horizontal dimension of five feet and a minimum area of 35 square feet.
9	(ii) Any space credited as common usable open space shall have a
10	minimum horizontal dimension of 10 feet and a minimum area of 150 square feet and 30 percent of the
11	common usable open space shall be planted.
12	(iii) Inner courts in which the enclosing Building walls are four stories
13	or more in height shall be large enough to inscribe a rectangular area 30 feet by 40 feet within the
14	enclosing walls.
15	(iv) Outer courts in which enclosing Building walls are four stories or
16	more shall be large enough to inscribe a rectangular area 25 feet by 25 feet within the enclosing walls.
17	(v) Space that is accessible for automobiles shall not count towards
18	usable open space in any Block.
19	(K) Ground Floor Floor-to-Floor Height. The minimum ground floor floor-to-
20	floor height of non-residential uses, lobbies and residential common areas shall be 15 feet in Blocks A,
21	<u>B, C, and D and 12 feet in Blocks E and F. The minimum ground floor floor-to-floor height for</u>
22	residential uses shall be 10 feet, except for townhouse units which shall have no minimum floor-to-floor
23	<u>height.</u>
24	(L) Ground Floor Activation. The ground floor activation standards set forth in
25	the DSG Chapter 7 shall apply in the SUD.

1	(M) Parking Garages. The	standards and guidelines for the location, depth,				
2	and exterior frontages of parking garages set forth in the DSG Chapter 7 shall apply in the SUD. With					
3	the exception of space allowed for parking and loading access, Building egress, and Building services,					
4	above grade parking on any Block shall be wrapped	d at all stories with a liner of Active Use not less				
5	than 20 feet in depth from all facades facing street.	s and Publicly Accessible Open Spaces.				
6	(N) Signage. One identifyin	g sign shall be permitted for each residential				
7	Building, except for townhouse Blocks, where one i	dentifying sign shall be permitted per Block. Sign				
8	controls set forth in Section 607.1 for RC Districts	shall apply to signs for non-residential uses.				
9	(O) Carts and Kiosks. The	standards and guidelines for Kiosks and Carts set				
10	forth in the DSG shall apply in the SUD.					
11	(9) Off-Street Automobile Parking	and Loading. The location and design standards				
12	for off-street automobile parking shall be governed by the DSG. There is no minimum off-street					
13	parking or loading requirement for any use in the SUD, except that there shall be a minimum of 200					
14	off-street parking spaces in the SUD, and that Buildings in Blocks A, B, C, D, E, F, and G containing					
15	100,000 gross square feet or more of residential space and a parking garage shall provide at least one					
16	off-street loading space meeting the dimensional requirements of standard 7.24.2 of the DSG.					
17	(A) Maximum Off-Street Par	rking. The number of off-street parking spaces				
18	within this SUD shall not exceed the following:					
19	Table 249.88-2: Maximum Off-Street Parking Spaces per Land Use					
20	Land Use	Off-Street Parking Ratio				
21	Dwelling Units	0.5 space per unit				
22	Group Housing	<u>1 space per three bedrooms</u>				
23	All Non-Residential Uses	1 space per 500 gross square feet of Occupied				
24		<u>Floor Area</u>				
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1	Public Parking	450 spaces					
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3	Parking amounts for dwelling units, group housing, and non-residential uses may be greater on any						
4	individual Block than otherwise allowed by Table 249.88-2 provided the total number of spaces in the						
5	SUD shall not exceed the maximum upon completion of the Project. The maximum number of spaces						
6	for the Public Parking Garages shown in Table	249.88-2 shall be reduced by the number of parking					
7	spaces for dwelling units or group housing that	are allowed to be used as public parking during any					
8	part of the day. In the event the Developer ente	rs into an agreement with the adjacent property					
9	owner(s) to fund or build off-site public parking	on the property adjacent to the eastern edge of the					
10	Project site, the maximum number of spaces for	the Public Parking Garages also shall be reduced by					
11	the number of such off-site parking spaces that	the Developer provides. The Planning Director shall					
12	determine whether these conditions are met pursuant to Transportation Exhibit, Exhibit J, of the						
13	Development Agreement. Car share parking spaces shall be provided in the amounts set forth in						
14	Section 166. The width and location of vehicular openings shall be as set forth in the DSG.						
15	(B) Driveway and Loading Operations Plan. The purpose of a Driveway and						
16	Loading Operations Plan (DLOP) is to reduce	potential conflicts between driveway and loading					
17	operations, such as passenger and freight loading activities, and pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.						
18	The goal of the plan is to maximize utilization o	f off-street space to accommodate loading demand, and					
19	to ensure that off-street loading is considered and attempted, to the extent physically and feasibly						
20	possible, in the design of new Buildings. The D	eveloper shall prepare a DLOP in accordance with the					
21	Planning Code, Planning Department guideline	s, and any standard environmental conditions.					
22	(10) Bicycle Parking. Develope	er shall provide bicycle parking as required by the					
23	Planning Code, except that there shall be a min	imum of 30 Class I spaces that are designed to					
24	accommodate oversized bicycles in the SUD.						
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1	(11) Waiver of Planning Code Section 138.1. The streetscape design set forth in the
2	Master Infrastructure Plan and DSG sets forth the standards for pedestrian and streetscape
3	improvements in the SUD.
4	(12) Waiver of Planning Code Section 169. The provisions of the Transportation
5	Demand Management Program shall apply as required under Sections 169 et seq. and any successor
6	Sections, except that Section 169.4(a)-(d) shall not apply to the Project because the Project has already
7	completed a Transportation Demand Management Plan and it is included as part of the Development
8	Agreement, Exhibit J.
9	(13) Compliance with Article 4 of the Planning Code.
10	(A) Inclusionary Housing Requirements. The provisions of Sections 415 et
11	seq. shall not apply, except as otherwise stipulated in the Development Agreement.
12	(B) Other Impact Fees. For so long as the Development Agreement remains in
13	effect, the Developer impact fees payable for any Building Project will be determined in accordance
14	with the Development Agreement.
15	(14) Relationship to State or Local Density Bonus Programs. In exchange for the
16	benefits expressed in the Development Agreement and this Section 249.88, and as set forth in the
17	Development Agreement, any Building Projects within the SUD shall not be eligible for additional
18	density or modifications to development standards allowed in any State or local law allowing
19	additional density or modifications to development in exchange for on-site affordable housing,
20	including but not limited to the State Density Bonus Law (California Government Code Sections 65915
21	et seq.), the Affordable Housing Bonus Program (Planning Code Sections 206 et seq.), and Planning
22	<u>Code Sections 207 et seq.</u>
23	(15) Modifications to Building Standards and Use Requirements.
24	(A) No Modifications or Variances. No variances, exceptions, modifications, or
25	other deviations from the requirements and standards of the Planning Code, including the SUD, and of

1	the DSG are permitted except through the procedures for granting of Minor and Major Modifications
2	established in the SUD. No modifications or variances are permitted for maximum Building height or
3	maximum automobile parking spaces.
4	(B) Modification of Other Building Standards and Use Requirements. A
5	dimensional or numerical standard may be modified only as provided in subsection (i), on a project-by-
6	project basis. In order to grant a Minor or Major Modification, the Planning Director or Commission
7	must find that the proposed Minor or Major Modification achieves equal or superior design quality and
8	public benefit as strict compliance with the applicable standard and meets the intent of the SUD and
9	<u>the DSG.</u>
10	(C) Minor Modifications. The Planning Director may approve a Minor
11	Modification administratively in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (i).
12	(D) Major Modifications. The Planning Commission may approve an
13	application for a Major Modification in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (i).
14	(h) Project Review and Approval . In lieu of the procedures set forth in Planning Code Article
15	3, the following project review and approval procedures shall apply in the SUD.
16	(1) Purpose. The design review process for this SUD is intended to ensure that new
17	Building Projects are designed to complement the aesthetic quality of the development, exhibit high
18	quality architectural design, and promote the purpose of this SUD.
19	(2) Development Phase Application. Consistent with the Development Agreement, the
20	Developer shall submit a Development Phase Application to the Planning Director for approval, and
21	no development may be approved within a Development Phase until after the Planning Director issues
22	a Development Phase Application approval. The Development Phase Application process, as set forth
23	in the Development Agreement, is to ensure that all Publicly Accessible Open Space and Building
24	Projects within a development phase are consistent with the Development Agreement and the SUD.
25	Planning shall review Development Phase Applications within 30 days of receipt in order to determine

1	completeness. If the Planning Director fails to respond within such 30-day period, the Development
2	Phase Application will be deemed complete. The Planning Director shall act on a Development Phase
3	Application within 60 days after submittal of a complete Development Phase Application. Changes
4	proposed by the Planning Department will be reasonably considered by Developer, and changes
5	proposed by Developer will be reasonably considered by the Planning Department. If there are no
6	objections, or upon resolution of any differences, the Planning Director shall approve the Development
7	Phase Application with such revisions, comments, or requirements as may be permitted in accordance
8	with the terms of the Development Agreement and the phasing plan.
9	(3) Concurrent Submittal of Development Phase Application and Design Review
10	Application. Applications for design review may be submitted concurrently with or subsequent to a
11	Development Phase Application. When submitted concurrently, the time limits for the Planning
12	Department review of completeness and design review described in subsection (i) shall not commence
13	until after the Planning Director has issued a Development Phase Application approval. The Planning
14	Department shall approve only those applications for individual Buildings that are consistent with a
15	Development Phase Application approval. To ensure that Building Projects and Privately-Owned
16	Community Improvements meet the requirements of the Planning Code, including this Section 249.88,
17	and the DSG, Developer shall submit a Design Phase Application and receive approval from the
18	Planning Director, or, if required, the Planning Commission before obtaining any permits for the
19	applicable construction. Standards and limitations on design review approval are set forth in
20	subsection (i) below. Nothing in this Section 249.88 limits the Charter authority of any City
21	department or commission or the rights of City agencies to review and approve proposed infrastructure
22	as set forth in the Development Agreement.
23	(i) Design Review Applications and Process.
24	(1) Applications. Each design review application shall include the documents and
25	other materials necessary to determine consistency with the Planning Code, this Section 249.88, and

1	the DSG, including	g site	plans,	floor	plans,	sections.	elevations.	renderings.	landscape	e plans, a DLOP

- 2 *and exterior material samples to illustrate the overall concept design of the proposed Buildings.*
- 3 Design review applications also should contain information on dwelling unit count and type, parking,
- 4 and other building characteristics typical of Planning Department development applications. If
- 5 <u>Developer requests a Major or Minor Modification, the application shall describe proposed changes in</u>
- 6 <u>reasonable detail, and to the satisfaction of the Planning Director, including narrative and supporting</u>
- 7 *images, if appropriate, and a statement of the purpose or benefits of the proposed Minor or Major*
- 8 <u>Modification(s)</u>. As part of design review application process, the Planning Director shall consult with
- 9 <u>the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency regarding the Developer's DLOP.</u>
- 10 (2) Completeness. Planning Department staff shall review the application for
- 11 *completeness and advise the Developer in writing of any deficiencies within 30 days of the date of the*
- 12 *application or, if applicable, within 15 days after receipt of any supplemental information requested*
- 13 *pursuant to this section.*
- 14 (3) Design Review of Buildings and Privately-Owned Community Improvements.
- 15 (A) Building Pre-Application Meeting. Prior to submittal of a design review
- 16 *application for a Building, the Developer shall conduct a minimum of one pre-application public*
- 17 <u>meeting. The meeting shall be conducted at, or within a one-mile radius of, the Project Site, but</u>
- 18 *otherwise subject to the Planning Department's pre-application meeting procedures, including but not*
- 19 *limited to the submittal of required meeting documentation. A Planning Department representative*
- 20 *shall be invited to such meeting.*
- (B) Publicly Accessible Open Space Outreach. Prior to submittal of a design
 review application for a Publicly Accessible Open Space, the Developer shall conduct a minimum of
 one pre-application public meeting on design of the Publicly Accessible Open Space. The Developer
 shall conduct a minimum of one additional public meeting prior to any approval action on the
- 25 application. Additional meetings may be required at the discretion of the Planning Director. The

1	meetings shall be conducted at, or within a one-mile radius of, the Project Site, and the pre-application
2	meeting shall be subject to the Planning Department's pre-application meeting procedures, including
3	but not limited to, the submittal of required meeting documentation. Developer shall invite a Planning
4	Department representative to such meetings.
5	(C) Design Review Process. Following submittal of the design review
6	application, upon a determination of completeness, Planning Department staff shall conduct design
7	review and prepare a staff report determining compliance with this Section 249.88, the Planning Code,
8	and the DSG, including a recommendation regarding any Minor or Major Modifications sought. The
9	Planning Department staff shall deliver the report to the Developer and any third parties requesting
10	notice in writing, shall be kept on file, and shall be posted on the Department's website for public
11	review within 60 days of the determination of completeness. If Planning Department staff determines
12	that the design is not compliant with this Section 249.88, the Planning Code, or the DSG, the Developer
13	may resubmit the application, in which case the requirements of this subsection (i) for determination of
14	completeness, staff review, and determination of compliance, and delivery, filing, and posting of the
15	staff report, shall apply anew.
16	(4) Approvals and Public Hearings for Buildings and Privately-Owned Community
17	Improvements.
18	(A) Buildings and Privately-Owned Community Improvements Seeking No
19	Modifications. Within 10 days after the delivery and posting of the staff report on the design review
20	application, the Planning Director shall approve or disapprove the design based on its compliance with
21	the Planning Code, including this Section 249.88, the DSG, and the General Plan. If the design review
22	application is consistent with the numeric standards set forth in this Section 249.88 and the DSG, the
23	Planning Director's discretion to approve or disapprove the design review application shall be limited
24	to the Developer's consistency with the non-numeric and non-dimensional elements of the DSG and
25	the General Plan.

1	(B) Buildings and Privately-Owned Community Improvements Seeking Minor
2	Modifications. Within 10 days after the delivery and posting of the staff report on the design review
3	application including a Minor Modification, the Planning Director, shall approve or disapprove any
4	Minor Modification based on its compliance with the Planning Code, including this Section 249.88, the
5	DSG, and the General Plan. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 249.88, the Planning
6	Director, at his or her discretion, may refer any application that proposes a Minor Modification to the
7	Planning Commission if the Planning Director determines that the proposed Minor Modification does
8	not meet the intent of the DSG or the SUD.
9	(C) Buildings and Privately-Owned Community Improvements Seeking Minor
10	or Major Modifications. If the design review application seeks one or more Major Modifications, or if
11	the Planning Director refers a design review application that proposed a Minor Modification to the
12	Planning Commission, the Planning Commission shall calendar the item for a public hearing, subject
13	to any required noticing. For purposes of this subsection (C), Minor Modifications and Major
14	Modifications shall be collectively referred to as Major Modifications. The Planning Commission's
15	review shall be limited to the proposed Major Modification. The Planning Commission shall consider
16	all comments from the public and the recommendations of the staff report and the Planning Director in
17	making a decision to approve or disapprove the granting of any Major Modifications.
18	(D) Notice of Hearings. In addition to complying with the notice requirements
19	of the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance, notice of Planning Commission hearings shall be
20	provided as follows:
21	(i) by mail not less than 20 days prior to the date of the hearing, to the
22	Developer, to residents within 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property that is the subject of
23	the application, using for this purpose the names and addresses as shown on the citywide assessment
24	roll in the Office of the Tax Collector, and to any person who has requested such notice; and
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1	(ii) by posting on the subject property not less than 10 days prior to the
2	date of the hearing.
3	(j) Building Permits . Each building permit application submitted to the Department of
4	Building Inspection for Buildings shall be forwarded to the Planning Department for review of the
5	application's consistency with the authorizations granted pursuant to this Section 249.88.
6	(k) Discretionary Review. The Planning Department shall not accept, and the Planning
7	Commission shall not hear, requests for discretionary review for projects subject to this Section 249.88.
8	(1) Change of Use. The Planning Department shall review each building permit application
9	that the Developer submits to the Department of Building Inspection for vertical improvements for
10	consistency with the authorizations granted pursuant to this Section 249.88. The Department of
11	Building Inspection shall not issue a permit for any vertical improvement or for occupancy that would
12	authorize a new use unless the Planning Department determines such permit is consistent with the
13	Building Standards set forth in the DSG.
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15	Section 3. The Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Section 263.35, to read
16	as follows:
17	SEC. 263.35. BALBOA RESERVOIR SPECIAL USE DISTRICT AND THE 48/78-X
18	HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICTS.
19	In the Balboa Reservoir Special Use District and the 48-X and 78-X Height and Bulk Districts,
20	heights are more specifically prescribed for each Block, as defined in Section 249.88, pursuant to
21	<u>Figure 249.88-2.</u>
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23	Section 4. The Planning Code is hereby amended in accordance with Planning Code
24	Section 106 by revising Sectional Map ZN12, Height Map HT12, and Special Use District Map
25	SU12 of the Zoning Map, as follows:

1	(a) To change the Zoning Map Z	N12 as follows:			
2	Assessor's Parcels	Current Zoning to	Proposed Zoning to		
3	(Block/Lot Numbers)	be Superseded	be Approved		
4	3180/190, except for the 80-foot wide	Р	BR-MU		
5	strip along the southern boundary				
6	containing SFPUC pipelines				
7	(b) To change the Height and Bu	ulk Map HT12 as follo	ws:		
8	Assessor's Parcels	Height and Bulk	New Height and Bulk		
9	(Block/Lot Numbers)	Districts	Districts		
10		Superseded			
11	3180/190, except for the 80-	40-X and 65-A	48-X for Blocks TH1,		
12	foot wide strip along the southern		TH2, and H; 78-X for		
13	boundary containing SFPUC		the remainder of the		
14	pipelines		site		
15	(c) To change the Special Use D	District Map SU12 by c	reating the new Balboa		
16	Reservoir Special Use District and assig	gning the following Pa	rcels to be within the Ba		
17	Reservoir Special Use District:				
18	Assessor's Parcels (Block/Lo	t Numbers)	Special Use District		
19	3180/190, except for the 80-foot wide s	strip along the	Balboa Reservoir		
20	southern boundary containing SFPUC	pipelines	Special Use District		
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22	Section 5. The Planning Code is	hereby amended to r	evise Section 201 as fo		
23	To add the Balboa Reservoir Mix	ed Use District, after	the "Potrero Power Stat		
24	Use District", as follows:				
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1	Balboa Reservoir Mixed Use District					
2	(Also See Section 249.88(g)(1))					
3	BR-MU Balboa Reservoir Mixed Use District					
4	(Defined in Section 249.88(g)(1)					
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6	Section 6. The Figures presented in	this ordinance (Figures 249.88-1 through 249.88-				
7	3) have been placed in the Clerk of the Boar	rd of Supervisors File No. 200422, and are				
8	incorporated herein by reference.					
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10	Section 7. Effective Date and Operative Date.					
11	(a) This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs					
12	when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not					
13	sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the					
14	Mayor's veto of the ordinance.					
15	(b) This ordinance shall become operative only on (and no rights or duties are affected					
16	until) the later of (1) its effective date, as stated in subsection (a) above, or (2) the effective					
17	date of the ordinance approving the Development Agreement for the Project. A copy of said					
18	ordinance is on file with the Clerk of the Boa	ard of Supervisors in File No. 200423.				
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20	Section 8. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors					
21	intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,					
22	numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagram	ms, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal				
23	Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinal	nce as additions, deletions, Board amendment				
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1	additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
2	the official title of the ordinance.
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5	APPROVED AS TO FORM: DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney
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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Substituted, 7/7/2020)

[Planning Code and Zoning Map - Balboa Reservoir Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to create the Balboa Reservoir Special Use District and rezone the Balboa Reservoir west basin project site generally bounded by the City College of San Francisco Ocean Campus to the east, Archbishop Riordan High School to the north, the Westwood Park neighborhood to the west, and a San Francisco Public Utilities Commission parcel containing a water pipeline running parallel to a mixed-use multifamily residential development along Ocean Avenue to the south; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency under the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

The Balboa Reservoir Project (Project) is proposed to be developed on a parcel currently designated as Public (P) and under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission. The Project is located immediately to the west of the City College of San Francisco Ocean Campus and just north of Ocean Avenue in the southwest part of San Francisco.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would add Section 249.88 to the Planning Code to establish the Balboa Reservoir Special Use District (SUD) for the entire Project site. The SUD would not apply to a retained Public Utilities Commission parcel containing a water pipeline running parallel to a mixed-use multifamily residential development along Ocean Avenue to the south of the Project that will remain in Public zoning. The Ordinance would provide for permitted, non-permitted, temporary, and interim uses within the SUD. The legislation would create controls for development at the site, including ground floor and retail controls, building standards, maximum heights, off street parking including parking lot(s), dwelling unit exposure, bicycle parking, open space, streetscape improvements, inclusionary housing, and others. The SUD would provide mechanisms for modifying those standards in the future, on a case-by-case basis, and for reviewing and approving future development phases and vertical development.

The Ordinance also would add Planning Code Section 263.35 regarding the Balboa Reservoir SUD building heights and would amend the Zoning Map, to do the following:

- a) change the use of the site from P (Public) to BR-MU (Balboa Reservoir Mixed Use), with the exception of the Public Utilities Commission retained parcel which is excluded from the SUD;
- b) change the height and bulk from 40-X and 65-A to 48-X or 78-X depending on the particular block in the SUD, and
- c) add the SUD to the sectional map number 12.

The Ordinance also makes environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan, eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1, and public necessity determination of Planning Code Section 302.

Background Information

The Project addresses the City's housing challenges by contributing to the City's goal of creating 5,000 housing units each year. The Project site was specifically identified in the General Plan for additional housing in close proximity to local and regional public transportation. The Project implements the goals and objectives of the General Plan Housing Element and of the 2009 Balboa Park Station Area Plan that calls for the development of a mixed-use residential neighborhood on the west reservoir to address the Citywide demand for housing. The Project also implements the goals of the City's 2014 Public Land for Housing program and the Surplus Public Lands Initiative (Proposition K from 2015), by replacing an underused surface parking lot located on surplus public land with a substantial amount of new housing, including a high percentage of affordable housing.

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