

1 [Urging California Regents to Consider the Proposed UCSF Parnassus Expansion Plan EIR]

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3 **Resolution urging the California Regents to move consideration of the proposed**
4 **University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) Parnassus Expansion Plan**
5 **Environmental Impact Report (EIR) from their January 2021 meeting to their March 2021**
6 **meeting.**

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8 WHEREAS, The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) is a public research
9 university that operates four major campus sites within the City and County of San Francisco;
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11 WHEREAS, In June 1975, six neighborhood organizations abutting the UCSF
12 Parnassus campus adopted the "Mt. Sutro Community Master Plan," which among other
13 policies called upon campus planners to "limit the size" of the campus to "their present
14 structural envelope" and to "decentralize functions" to other areas of the City; and

15 WHEREAS, In October 1975, in its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on its Long
16 Range Development Plan (LRDP), UCSF Parnassus campus planners accepted this notion
17 stating "UCSF plans to limit its size at Parnassus Avenue campus to its present structural
18 envelope" adding "UCSF will continue to decentralize its activities;" and

19 WHEREAS, On May 21, 1976, the Board of Regents of the University of California
20 (The Regents) passed a resolution for its Parnassus campus, stating that "the total structures
21 within the campus boundaries shall not exceed 3.55 million gross square feet and this limit
22 shall be permanent;" and

23 WHEREAS, In each succeeding UCSF Parnassus LRDP, including the 2014 and 2019
24 amendments to the current LRDP, the commitment to the space cap has been maintained;
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1 WHEREAS, While state law exempts UCSF from local land use laws, on February 17,
2 1987, UCSF entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City and County
3 of San Francisco with the intent to create joint "oversight of University master planning,
4 construction and real estate utilization;" and

5 WHEREAS, The aforesaid MOU stipulated that the UCSF LRDP would be considered
6 as an "institutional master plan" required of all hospitals by the City's Planning Code and that
7 "UCSF will advise the City in writing of all matters concerning master planning, construction
8 and real property;" and

9 WHEREAS, On October 7, 2019, UCSF released the Comprehensive Parnassus
10 Heights Plan (CPHP) which among other provisions declared the school's intent to bring its
11 total footprint to approximately 5.9 million gross square feet, and which would require an
12 increase in the space ceiling by 1.5 million gross square feet, from 3.55 million gross square
13 feet to 5.05 million gross square feet; and

14 WHEREAS, The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Plan, according to
15 the Planning Department, "represents a substantial increase to the existing development at
16 Parnassus Heights with a greater than 50% increase in the gross floor area" and raises
17 concerns "about the plans impacts on MUNI" and "San Francisco's job-housing balance;" and

18 WHEREAS, In June 2020, as a means to ensure that the proposed expansion aligns
19 with the City's priorities for housing, open space, and transportation and knits into the
20 surrounding neighborhood, UCSF and the City of San Francisco began negotiating a
21 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

22 WHEREAS, To date, there have two public meetings regarding the proposed MOU, the
23 first of which was held on September 29, 2020, in which members of the public were invited to
24 "share your ideas about community investments and benefits;" and
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1 WHEREAS, The second of two public meetings to date on the MOU was held on
2 December 9, 2020, the purpose of which was to “review community feedback from the first
3 community meeting, provide an overview of the proposed MOU terms, and discuss next
4 steps;” and

5 WHEREAS, The proposed MOU, negotiated between the Planning Department,
6 Mayor’s Office, and UCSF, was not made publicly available until January 1, 2021; and

7 WHEREAS, An Informational Hearing at the Planning Commission is scheduled for
8 Thursday, January 7, 2021 for the public to consider the draft MOU; and

9 WHEREAS, Community outreach and engagement have been significantly more
10 challenging, limited and time-consuming as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in
11 particular the surge in cases since November 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, As confirmed at the December 9, 2020, community meeting, UCSF
13 officials, despite the limitations imposed on public input by the ongoing pandemic, and despite
14 the delayed release of the proposed MOU, remain committed to seeking approval from The
15 Regents on their EIR plan at the UC Regents meeting of January 19-21, 2021; and

16 WHEREAS, The proposed MOU has not been presented for approval, or approved, by
17 the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

18 WHEREAS, UCSF has rejected requests that the Regents consideration of the EIR be
19 delayed until the next meeting of the Regents in March; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges The Regents to consider the
21 proposed CPHP EIR at their March 2021 meeting in order to allow the residents of the City
22 and County of San Francisco to better understand, consider, and comment upon the project
23 including the draft MOU between their local representatives and UCSF; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors transmit copies of
25 this Resolution to The Regents.