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Project: **Candlestick Point – Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 General
Plan Amendments**
Block/Lot: **Various. See Attached Maps**
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FORMULATING A RESOLUTION TO INITIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT AREA PLAN, THE TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT, THE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELEMENT, THE LAND USE INDEX, ESTABLISHING THE CANDLESTICK POINT SUBAREA PLAN, THE HUNTERS POINT AREA PLAN ALONG WITH OTHER MINOR GENERAL PLAN MAP AMENDMENTS.

WHEREAS, Section 4.105 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco provides to the Planning Commission the opportunity to periodically recommend General Plan Amendments to the Board of Supervisors; and

The Planning Department is proposing edits to the Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan, the Land Use Index, the Transportation Element and General Plan maps throughout the Elements, along with the establishment of the Candlestick Point Sub-Area Plan, and the Hunters Point Area Plan to accommodate the Candlestick Point Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 Development Project.

The Bayview Hunters Point has one of the highest concentrations of very low-income residents and one of the highest unemployment rates in San Francisco, and public health in the area has generally been poor compared to the rest of San Francisco. Bayview Hunters Point has very few quality public parks and open spaces that provide active recreation facilities for neighborhood youth, and is in need of affordable housing and business and job opportunities for its residents. The area remains under-served by transit and basic neighborhood-serving retail and cultural amenities. The betterment of the quality of life for the residents of the Bayview Hunters Point community is one of the City's highest priorities.

Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point are part of the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood and are in close proximity to one another, separated only by the Yosemite Slough and South Basin. Together, they comprise about 702 acres, and make up the largest area of underused land in the City. This legislation creating the Candlestick Point Activity Node Special Use District, the Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 Special Use District, the 40/420-CP Height and Bulk District and the 40/370-HP Height and Bulk District, and the related rezoning and General Plan amendments, will implement the proposed consolidated redevelopment of the Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 and Candlestick Point ("the Project"). The areas within the Candlestick Activity Node Special Use District and the Hunters Point

Shipyard Phase 2 Special Use District together comprise the Project Site (“The Project Site”). As set forth in Proposition G, passed by San Francisco voters on June 3, 2008, the Project is designed to reconnect the Shipyard and Candlestick Point with the Bayview Hunters Point community and the rest of San Francisco and transform these long-abandoned waterfront lands into productive areas for jobs, parks and housing, including affordable housing. Expediting implementation of the Project will provide long overdue improvements to the Bayview Hunters Point community that will also benefit the City as a whole.

Hunters Point Shipyard

WHEREAS, Hunters Point Shipyard was once a thriving, major maritime industrial center that employed generations of Bayview Hunters Point residents. Following World War II, the Shipyard was a vital hub of employment in the Bayview Hunters Point, providing logistics support, construction and maintenance for the United States Department of the Navy. At its peak, the Shipyard employed more than 17,000 civilian and military personnel, many of whom lived in Bayview Hunters Point. The United States Navy ceased operations at the Shipyard in 1974 and officially closed the base in 1988. The Shipyard was then included on the Department of Defense’s 1991 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list. In 1993, following designation of the Shipyard by the City’s Board of Supervisors as a redevelopment survey area, the City and the Redevelopment Agency began a community process to create a plan for the economic reuse of the Shipyard and the remediation and conveyance of the property by the Navy.

In planning for the redevelopment of the Shipyard, the City and the Redevelopment Agency worked closely with the Hunters Point Citizen’s Advisory Committee (“CAC”). The CAC is a group of Bayview Hunters Point community residents, business owners and individuals with expertise in specific areas, who are selected by the Mayor to oversee the redevelopment process for the Shipyard. The Agency has worked with the CAC and the community throughout the process of implementing revitalization activities regarding the Shipyard.

In July 1997, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Redevelopment Plan for revitalization of the Shipyard. The Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan contemplated the development of a mix of residential, commercial, cultural, research and development and light industrial uses, with open space around the waterfront perimeter.

Since its selection by the Redevelopment Agency, the Shipyard developer has worked with the City, the Agency, and the Navy to facilitate the redevelopment and economic reuse of the Shipyard. In 2003, the Shipyard developer and the Agency entered into the Hunters Point Shipyard Phase I Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA), under which the Shipyard developer is constructing infrastructure for up to 1,600 residential units on Parcel A of the Shipyard, of which approximately 30 percent will be affordable. The Phase I DDA also requires the Shipyard developer to create approximately 25 acres of public parks and open space on Parcel A.

In March 2004, the Redevelopment Agency, in cooperation with the City and the Shipyard developer negotiated a comprehensive agreement with the Navy governing the terms and conditions of the hazardous materials remediation and conveyance of the Shipyard by the Navy to the Agency. The Conveyance Agreement obligates the Navy to remediate the hazardous materials on the Shipyard to levels consistent with the land uses designated in the original redevelopment plans for the Shipyard and to convey parcels to the Agency at no cost on a phased basis as the Navy successfully completes the remediation.

In 2005, the Navy conveyed Parcel A to the Agency under the Conveyance Agreement, and the Agency then closed escrow on its transfer of a portion of Parcel A to the Shipyard developer to begin site preparation and infrastructure development for the construction of new housing and parks on Parcel A.

Candlestick Point

WHEREAS, Candlestick Point includes, among other things: (a) the City-owned stadium, currently named Candlestick Park, which is home to the San Francisco 49ers and is nearing the end of its useful life; (b) the Alice B. Griffith Housing Development, also known as Double Rock, and (c) the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.

In June, 1997, San Francisco voters adopted two measures (Propositions D and F) providing for the development by the 49ers or their development partners of a new stadium, a related 1,400,000 square foot entertainment and retail shopping center, and other conditional uses including residential uses. The voters approved up to \$100 million of lease revenue bonds to help finance the proposed development of the new stadium.

In June 2006, following a 10-year planning process, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Redevelopment Plan for the Bayview Hunters Point Project Area that includes Candlestick Point. The primary objective of the Redevelopment Plan is to revitalize the Bayview Hunters Point community through economic development, affordable housing and community enhancement programs for the benefit of existing residents and community-based businesses. The policies and programs of the Redevelopment Plan incorporate community goals and objectives expressed in a Concept Plan that the Bayview Hunters Point Project Area Committee ("PAC") adopted in 2000, following hundreds of community planning meetings. The PAC is a body that was formed in 1997 through a public election by Bayview Hunters Point voters to work with the Redevelopment Agency and the City and represent the interests of the Bayview Hunters Point community in planning for the area's future. The Agency has continued to work through the PAC and with the community throughout the process of implementing revitalization activities under the Redevelopment Plan.

The Alice B. Griffith Housing Development, built in the early 1960s and operated by the San Francisco Housing Authority, needs substantial improvement. An important component of the Project is to provide one-for-one replacement of Alice B. Griffith units at existing low income levels and to ensure that existing tenants have the right to move to the new upgraded units without being displaced until the replacement units are ready for occupancy.

In 1983, the City donated land at Candlestick Point to the State of California to form the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area with the expectation that the State would develop and implement a plan for improving the park land. The Recreation Area has the potential to be a tremendous open space recreational resource for the region and for the residents of Bayview Hunters Point. But it has not reached its potential due to limited State funding and a challenging configuration. The long-term restoration and improvement of the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area has been a long-term goal of the residents of Bayview Hunters Point, the City, and the State.

Integrated Development of the Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point.

WHEREAS, For over a decade, the redevelopment of Candlestick Point and the Shipyard has proceeded on parallel, though largely separate, paths. But over the last four years, the City and the Redevelopment Agency have been working with the Bayview Hunters Point community on redeveloping the two sites together. A primary objective of both the Hunters Point Shipyard

Redevelopment Plan and the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan is to create economic development, affordable housing, public parks and open space and other community benefits by developing the under-used lands within the two project areas. Combining the planning and redevelopment of these two areas provides a more coherent overall plan, including comprehensive public recreation and open space plans and integrated transportation plans, and provides better ways to increase efficiencies to finance the development of affordable housing and the public infrastructure necessary to expedite the revitalization of both areas.

Accordingly, in May, 2007, the Board of Supervisors adopted and the Mayor approved a resolution a Conceptual Framework for the integrated development of Candlestick Point and the Hunters Point Shipyard. The Conceptual Framework, which is the basis for the last three years of planning for the Project, envisioned a major mixed-use project, including hundreds of acres of new waterfront parks and open space, thousands of new housing units, a robust affordable housing program, extensive job-generating retail and research and development space, permanent space for the artist colony that exists in the Shipyard, and a site for a potential new stadium for the 49ers on the Shipyard.

In furtherance of the Conceptual Framework, in April 2007, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission adopted a resolution requesting the Redevelopment Agency to include the existing stadium site under the Exclusive Negotiations Agreement. In May 2007, the Redevelopment Agency and the Shipyard developer (whose members were reconstituted) entered into a Second Amended and Restated Exclusive Negotiations and Planning Agreement related to Phase II of the Shipyard Redevelopment Plan, which extended the Shipyard developer's exclusive negotiating rights to cover Candlestick Point.

On June 3, 2008, the San Francisco voters approved Proposition G, an initiative petition measure named The Bayview Jobs, Parks, and Housing Initiative, regarding plans to revitalize the Project site. As set forth in Proposition G, the project is designed to revitalize the Project Site by (a) improving and creating hundreds of acres of public parks and open space, particularly along the waterfront, (b) significantly increasing the quality and quantity of affordable housing in southeastern San Francisco, including the complete rebuilding of the Alice Griffith Housing Development, (c) providing thousands of commercial and construction job opportunities for San Francisco residents and businesses, especially in the Bayview Hunters Point community, (d) supporting the creation of permanent space on the Shipyard for existing artists, (e) elevating the site into a regional center for green development and the use of green technology and sustainable building design, (f) providing extensive transportation improvements that will benefit southeastern San Francisco generally, (g) attracting and sustaining neighborhood serving retail and cultural amenities and services, and (h) offering a world-class waterfront stadium site opportunity as the City's last and best chance to keep the 49ers in San Francisco over the long term, but without requiring the revitalization project to be delayed if the 49ers do not timely decide to build a stadium in the project site or decide to build a new stadium elsewhere.

In October 2009, the State Legislature approved and the Governor signed and filed Senate Bill No. 792 (SB 792). SB 792, enacted as Chapter 2003 of the Statutes of 2009 in January of 2010, provides for the reconfiguration of the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area and improvement of the State park lands, in connection with the development of the Project.

Since February 2007, the Project has been reviewed by the Bayview Hunters Point community and other stakeholders in over 200 public meetings, including those held before the PAC, the CAC, the Redevelopment Agency Commission, the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and other City commissions and in other local forums.

The Planning Commission will consider certification of the Candlestick Point – Hunters Point Shipyard Environmental Impact Report on or after May 6, 2010 prior to considering relevant amendments to the General Plan, Planning Code and Zoning Maps. It will also consider adopting California Environmental Quality Act Findings at that hearing.

Planning Code Section 101.1(b) establishes eight priority policies and is a basis by which differences between competing policies in the General Plan are resolved. An initial analysis for consistency with the priority findings has determined that the Project meets the findings in that it supports new neighborhood serving retail and opportunities for local businesses without unduly competing with existing retail clusters; that it provides significant new housing opportunities particularly affordable housing, that it calls for the redevelopment underutilized land and not existing established neighborhoods thereby preserving existing neighborhood character; that it calls for the development of a robust transit, pedestrian, and bicyclist network; that it provides for a wide range of new construction and permanent job opportunities without displacing existing industries, and that calls for establishment or improvement of new parks and open space equal to roughly half of the project area. Analysis for consistency for the eight priority policies will be included in all final actions for the proposed General Plan Amendments.

The Candlestick Point – Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 development project is built on existing General Plan policies. An initial analysis of applicable General Plan objectives and policies has determined that the proposed Plan and General Plan, Planning Code, and Zoning Map amendments thereto are, on balance, consistent with the General Plan as it is proposed to be amended. The proposed actions offer a compelling articulation and implementation of many of the concept outlined in the General Plan, especially the Housing, Commerce and Industry, Recreation and Open Space, Urban Design, and Transportation Elements and the Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan. The proposed new Candlestick Point Subarea Plan and the Hunters Point Area Plan formulate these directive policies with specific consideration for the neighborhood conditions of Candlestick Point and Hunters Point Shipyard. A final analysis for consistency with the General Plan will be included in the final actions for the General Plan Amendments.

A draft ordinance, **attached hereto as Exhibit A**, would amend the Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan, the Transportation Element, the Recreation and Open Space Element, the Commerce and Industry Element and the Land Use Index, along with various General Plan maps, and establish the Candlestick Point Subarea Plan and the Hunters Point Area Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to Planning Code Section 340, the Planning Commission Adopts a Resolution of Intent to Initiate amendments to the General Plan.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That pursuant to Planning Code Section 306.3, the Planning Commission authorizes the Department to provide appropriate notice for a public hearing to consider the above referenced General Plan amendments contained in the draft ordinance, approved as to form by the City Attorney in **Exhibit A**, to be considered at a publicly noticed hearing on or after May 6, 2010.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the San Francisco Planning Commission on March 25, 2010.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Antonini , Borden, Lee, Miguel, Moore and Sugaya

NOES: Commissioner Olague

ABSENT: None