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Case No.:	**2007.0946BEMRTUZ**
Project:	**Candlestick Point – Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 General Plan Findings and Planning Code Section 101.1 Findings**
Location:	**Candlestick Point and Hunters Point Shipyard**
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Recommendation:	**Adopt the Findings**

ESTABLISHING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND WITH SECTION 101.1 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE FOR THE CANDLESTICK POINT HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD PHASE 2 DEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDING AMENDMENTS TO THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE HUNTERS POINT SHIPYARD REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND FOR VARIOUS ACTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The Planning Department ("Department"), Redevelopment Agency ("Agency"), the Office of Economic and Workforce Development ("OEWD") among with many other City Departments have been working to transform Candlestick Point and the Hunters Point Shipyard from their current underutilized nature into a vibrant, high-density, mixed-use, transit-oriented neighborhoods that will provide public benefits to both the existing residents and the City as a whole; and

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; and

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. The Candlestick Point area comprises approximately 281 and Hunters Point Shipyard Phase 2 area comprises approximately 402 acres. Candlestick Point is generally comprised of the 49ers Football Stadium and parking lot, the Candlestick Point State Recreation Area (CPSRA) (excluding the Yosemite Slough portion of the Park), the Alice Griffith

Housing development, along with privately held parcels to the southwest of the stadium site between Bayview Hill and Jamestown Avenue, and privately held parcels between the stadium and the CPSRA. The Hunters Point Shipyard portion of the project is comprised of a majority of the former Naval Shipyard except for the portion currently being developed as "Phase 1", also often referred to as "Parcel A".

The 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.

As described above, 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.

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.

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 Phase 2 of the Hunters Point Shipyard ("the Project"). 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.

In furtherance of the Conceptual Framework and Proposition G the proposed development of the Project will include (a) 10,500 residential units, approximately 32 percent of which (3,345) will be offered at below market rates, (b) approximately 327 to_336 acres of new and improved public parks and open space, (c) 885,000 square feet of regional and neighborhood-serving retail space, (d) 255,000 square feet of new and renovated studio space for Shipyard artists, including an arts education center within a new "Arts District" supporting the

vibrant artist community, (e) 2,650,000 to 5,000,000 square feet of commercial, light industrial, research and development and office space, including space for the United Nations Global Compact Center, (f) 100,000_square feet of community uses, (g) new public and community facilities on the Shipyard and Candlestick Point, (h) improved land and supporting infrastructure for a new football stadium for the San Francisco 49ers, including necessary parking areas and transportation improvements, with an alternative which shifts some residential uses from Candlestick Point to the Shipyard and_expands–commercial uses on some of the areas of the Shipyard currently reserved for stadium uses–if the 49ers do not avail themselves of the opportunity to build a new stadium on the Shipyard, and (i) a 10,000 seat arena on Candlestick Point.

In order to implement the Project the Agency has prepared and transmitted to the Planning Commission proposed amendments to the Bayview Hunters Point and Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plans. Among other things, these amendments increase tax increment financing limits, revise the land use controls, and limit new impact fees imposed on the Project. The amendment to the Shipyard Plan also provides that a portion of the research and development square footage entitlement be given priority for Proposition M (Planning Code Sections 320-325) office space allocation with certain conditions. Additionally, the Amendment to the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan designates Candlestick Point as Zone 1 of the Project Area. In addition to amendments to the Redevelopment Plans, amendments to the City's General Plan, Planning Code, Zoning Maps are necessary to find the Redevelopment Plans consistent with the General Plan.

Pursuant to Section 33346 of the California Health and Safety Code regarding California Redevelopment Law, the planning policies and objectives and land uses and densities of the Redevelopment Plans must be found consistent with the General Plan prior to Redevelopment Plan approval by the Board of Supervisors; and

The Charter of the City and County of San Francisco requires certain legislative actions to be found in conformity with the General Plan and Section 101.1 of the Planning Code.

The Planning Commission wishes to facilitate the physical, environmental, social and economic revitalization of the Bayview Hunters Point and Hunters Point Shipyard , using the legal and financial tools of a Redevelopment Plan, while creating jobs, housing and open space in a safe, pleasant, attractive and livable mixed use neighborhood that is linked rationally to adjacent neighborhoods.

The proposed Bayview Hunters Point and Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plans, as amended, provide for a type of development, intensity of development and location of development that is consistent with the overall goals and objectives and policies of the General Plan as well as the Eight Priority Policies of Section 101.1, as expressed in the findings contained in Exhibit A to this resolution.

On June 3, 2010, by Motion No. ____, the Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project as accurate, complete and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA").

On June 3, 2010 by Resolution No. _____, the Commission adopted findings in connection with its consideration of, among other things, the adoption of amendments to the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan and the Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plan, under CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code and made certain findings in connection therewith, which findings are hereby incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth.

As part of the implementation of the Project, the Board of Supervisors is considering a number of actions, including but not limited to the following: adoption of amendments to the General Plan, Planning Code, and Zoning Map; adoption of the amendments to the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan and the Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plan; approval of the Interagency Cooperation Agreement for the Project (which includes a Joint Facilities Agreement); approval of a Public Trust Exchange Agreement with the San Francisco Port, Redevelopment Agency and State Lands Commission, and a land transfer agreement with the Redevelopment Agency and San Francisco Recreation and Park; adoption of amendments to the Health Code, the Public Works Code, the Building Code, and the Subdivision Code; and approval of a Tax Allocation Agreement with the Redevelopment Agency..

Drafts of these documents and proposed Board of Supervisors' Resolutions and Ordinances are contained in Planning Department file for Case _____; and

The drafts of the documents for Board action may be modified prior to final action by the Board of Supervisors.

The proposed General Plan, Planning Code and Zoning Map amendments provide for the adoption of the proposed amendments to the Bayview Hunters Point and the Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plans.

The drafts of the proposed amendments to the Bayview Hunters Point and the Hunters Point Shipyard Plan Redevelopment Plans set forth plans and objectives for the revitalization of the area.

The proposed Interagency Cooperation Agreement sets forth a framework for cooperation between the City and the Redevelopment Agency in administering the process for approval of all applicable land use, development, construction, improvement, infrastructure, occupancy and use requirements relating to the areas covered by the Redevelopment Plans.

The Public Trust Exchange Agreement settles certain boundary and title disputes related to the common law public trust for commerce, navigation, and fisheries ("Public Trust"), and establishes and reconfigures the location of the lands subject to the Public Trust and lands free of the Public Trust, in furtherance of the Project and the reconfiguration of Candlestick Point State Recreation Area.

The Recreation and Park land transfer agreement provides for the transfer of City-owned land within the Candlestick site to the Redevelopment Agency for development of the Project, consistent with Proposition G.

The draft amendments to the Health Code and related amendments to the Public Works Code and the Building Code create a framework for the San Francisco Department of Public Health to oversee and monitor compliance with environmental requirements at the Hunters Point Shipyard.

The draft amendments to the Subdivision Code provide the terms and conditions under which subdivision and parcel maps will be approved in the Project area.

The proposed Tax Allocation Agreement provides for an irrevocable pledge of net available tax increment from the Project site to the Redevelopment Agency, for the purpose of financing the construction of public infrastructure and certain other public improvements in the Project site.

The Commission is not required to approve all of the Board Actions, but must consider whether the implementation of the Bayview Hunters Point and the Hunters Point Shipyard Plan Redevelopment Plans, as amended, which the Board actions contemplate, is consistent with the General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended, and with Planning Code Section 101.1.

The Commission has reviewed the analysis of the consistency of the Redevelopment Plans, as amended, and the various implementation actions with the City's General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended, and with Section 101.1 of the Planning Code, which consistency analysis has been prepared by Planning Department staff and is set forth in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission finds that the amendments to the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan, the Shipyard Redevelopment Plan, and the Board actions identified above as necessary to implement the Project are consistent with the General Plan, as it is proposed to be amended, and with Section 101.1 of the Planning Code as described in Exhibit A to this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the San Francisco Planning Commission on June 3, 2010.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

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NOES:

ABSENT: