[Veterans Commons Special Use District]

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Supervisor Chiu, Mirkarimi

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** 

Ordinance adding Planning Code Section 249.46 to establish the Veteran <u>s</u> Commo	ns
Special Use District for property located at 150 Otis Street, Block No. 3513, Lot No.	07
amending the City's Zoning Map, Sheets Nos. HT07 and SU07 to change the height	
district from 85 to 125 feet and reflect the boundaries of the Veterans Commons	
Special Use District; and making environmental findings and findings of consisten	су
with the General Plan and the priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.	

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Board amendment additions are double-underlined; Board amendment deletions are strikethrough normal.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Findings. The Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby finds and declares as follows:

- (a) The legislation shall establish the Veterans Commons Special Use District that applies to property located at 150 Otis Street, Block 3513, Lot 07.
- (b) It is an important policy of the City to provide permanent supportive housing and supportive services for homeless veterans.
- (c) The lack of affordable housing with supportive services is one of the most significant impairments facing veterans as they re-enter the community to live independently. With affordable housing and supportive services, veterans are far more likely to find adequate employment and make a successful transition.
- (d) There is a lack of affordable housing with supportive services for homeless veterans.

- (e) Ensuring that housing, employment, case management, therapy, mentoring, and life skills are available will yield positive outcomes for veterans returning to the community.
- (f) By providing housing and support for veterans, the City can address some of the following problems:
- (1) According to the San Francisco Plan to Abolish Chronic Homelessness, prepared by the San Francisco Ten Year Planning Council, the San Francisco homeless veteran population is estimated that to be 3,000 homeless veterans, over 300 of those homeless veterans are chronically homeless.
- (2) Many homeless veterans are over the age of 50, and suffer from multiple disabilities, including, without limitation, mental illness, chronic substance abuse, HIV, post traumatic stress disorder, and other severe mental health disorders and physical disabilities.
  - (3) San Francisco currently has only 102 veteran-specific supportive housing units.
- (4) The San Francisco Ten Year Planning Council determined that the City must increase veteran-specific permanent supportive housing units and that this priority should commence immediately.
- (g) Veterans Commons will provide accessible, affordable housing for homeless veterans, and will provide intensive supportive services designed to build community and stability among residents, including space for counseling, group meetings, and social activities.
- (h) Veterans Commons will convert surplus City property for the City's immediate need for veteran-specific permanent supportive housing.
- Section 2. Environmental Findings, General Plan Findings, and Other Required Findings.
- (a) The Planning Department, in a mitigated negative declaration adopted on April 21, 2010, has determined that the actions contemplated in this Ordinance will not have

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## Ordinance

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May 11, 2010 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

May 18, 2010 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

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I hereby certify that the foregoing **Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on** 5/18/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom