

1 [CEQA Findings in Connection with the YBC Redevelopment Plan Amendment]
2 AFFIRMING CERTIFICATION OF THE YERBA BUENA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT
3 AREA EXPANSION/EMPORIUM SITE DEVELOPMENT FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL
4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BY THE CITY PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT
5 AGENCY COMMISSIONS AND ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS (AND A
6 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS) PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA
7 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND STATE GUIDELINES IN CONNECTION WITH
8 ADOPTION OF THE YERBA BUENA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA
9 EXPANSION/EMPORIUM SITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND VARIOUS OTHER
10 ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT.

11 WHEREAS, The site of the Yerba Buena Redevelopment Project Area
12 Expansion/Emporium Site Development Project ("Project") is located west of the current
13 Yerba Buena Redevelopment Area and includes portions of the blocks bounded by Market,
14 Fourth, Mission and Fifth Streets ("Site"); and,

15 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco ("City") and the Redevelopment
16 Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") have undertaken a planning and
17 environmental review process for the proposed Project and provided for public hearings
18 before the Planning Commission and the Agency Commission; and,

19 WHEREAS, The actions listed in Attachment A (the "Actions"), attached hereto and
20 incorporated herein by reference, are part of a series of considerations in connection with
21 approval of the Project, as more particularly defined in Attachment A; and

22 WHEREAS, On October 24, 1998, the Planning Department ("Department") and the
23 Agency released for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Impact Report
24 ("DEIR") for the originally proposed project; and,

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1 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission and the Agency Commission held a duly
2 noticed joint DEIR public hearing on December 8, 1998; and,

3 WHEREAS, The originally proposed project was revised after the public hearing on the
4 DEIR and the Agency and the Planning Department prepared a Supplement to the Draft
5 Environmental Impact Report ("SEIR") and published it on August 14, 1999; and,

6 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission and the Agency Commission held a duly
7 noticed joint public hearing on the SEIR on August 24, 1999; and,

8 WHEREAS, The Department and the Agency prepared a Final Supplemental
9 Environmental Impact Report ("FSEIR") for the Project consisting of the DEIR, the SEIR, the
10 comments received during the review periods, any additional information that became
11 available, and the Summary of Comments and Responses, all as required by law; and,

12 WHEREAS, On January 13, 2000, the Planning Commission and the Agency
13 Commission reviewed and considered the FSEIR and, by Motion No. 14952 and Resolution
14 No. 1A-2000, respectively, found that the contents of such report and the procedures
15 through which the FSEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions
16 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines (Title 14,
17 California Code of Regulations §§ 15000 et seq.) and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco
18 Administrative Code. Such Motion and Resolution are on file with the Clerk of the Board of
19 Supervisors in File No 001265; and,

20 WHEREAS, By Motion No. 14952 and Resolution No. 1A-2000, the Planning
21 Commission and the Agency Commission, respectively, (i) found that the FSEIR was
22 adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of each
23 Commission and that the summary of Comments and Responses contained no significant
24 revisions to the DEIR or SEIR, (ii) recognized significant environmental impacts associated
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1 with the Project and (iii) certified the completion of the FSEIR for the Project in compliance
2 with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines; and,

3 WHEREAS, The Planning Department prepared an Addendum to the FSEIR analyzing
4 minor revisions that were made to the Project and concluded that the Project as revised would
5 not result in any new significant impacts not previously analyzed in the FSEIR and would not
6 result in a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects. The
7 Addendum also determined that no new information has come to light that would indicate the
8 potential for new significant effects not discussed in the FSEIR and that there have been no
9 substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the Project is undertaken;
10 and,

11 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission, Agency Commission and Recreation and
12 Parks Commission have taken various actions related to the Project, and in connection
13 therewith adopted findings, as required by CEQA, regarding the FSEIR, including the
14 Addendum thereto, alternatives and variants, mitigation measures and significant
15 environmental impacts analyzed in the FSEIR, overriding considerations for approving the
16 Project, associated Actions listed in Attachment A, and a proposed mitigation monitoring
17 program. Such materials were made available to the public and this Board of Supervisors for
18 its review, consideration, and action; and,

19 WHEREAS, The FSEIR files and other Project-related Department and Agency files
20 have been available for review by this Board of Supervisors and the public, and those files are
21 part of the record before this Board of Supervisors; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered Planning
23 Commission Motion No. 14952 and Agency Commission Resolution No. 1A-2000
24 certifying the FSEIR, including the Addendum thereto, and finding it adequate, accurate, and
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1 objective, and reflecting the independent judgment and analysis of the Planning Commission,
2 and hereby affirms the Planning Commission's certification of the FSEIR; and,

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board of Supervisors finds on the basis of
4 substantial evidence in light of the whole record that: (1) modifications incorporated into the
5 Project and reflected in the Actions will not require important revisions to the FSEIR due to the
6 involvement of new significant environmental effects or substantial increase in the severity of
7 previously identified significant effects; (2) no substantial changes have occurred with respect
8 to the circumstances under which the Project or the Actions were undertaken which would
9 require major revisions to the FSEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental
10 effects, or a substantial increase in the severity of effects identified in the FSEIR; and (3) no
11 new information of substantial importance to the Project or the Actions has become available
12 which would indicate (a) the Project or the Actions will have significant effects not discussed in
13 the FSEIR; (b) significant environmental effects will be substantially more severe;
14 (c) mitigation measures or alternatives found not feasible which would reduce one or more
15 significant effects have become feasible; or (d) mitigation measures or alternatives which are
16 considerably different from those in the FSEIR would substantially reduce one or more
17 significant effects on the environment; and, be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors has reviewed and considered
19 the FSEIR and the Addendum and hereby adopts the Project Findings attached hereto as
20 Attachment A, including a statement of overriding considerations and its Exhibits 1 (FSEIR
21 Mitigation Measures) and 2 (Yerba Buena Redevelopment Project Area Expansion/Emporium
22 Site Development Project Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program), and incorporates the
23 same herein by this reference.
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Resolution

File Number: 001265

Date Passed:

Resolution affirming certification of the Yerba Buena Redevelopment Project Area Expansion/Emporium Site Development Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report by the Planning and Agency Commissions and adopting environmental findings (and a statement of overriding considerations) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and State Guidelines in connection with adoption of the Yerba Buena Redevelopment Project Area Expansion/Emporium Site Development Project and various other actions necessary to implement the project.

August 28, 2000 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Excused: 1 - Becerril

September 18, 2000 Board of Supervisors — CONTINUED

Ayes: 8 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Kaufman, Leno, Teng, Yaki, Yee

Absent: 2 - Katz, Newsom

Excused: 1 - Becerril

September 25, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 6 - Bierman, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Yaki

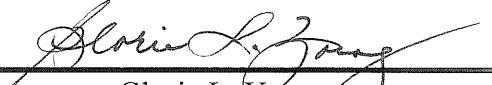
Noes: 1 - Ammiano

Absent: 3 - Brown, Teng, Yee

Excused: 1 - Becerril

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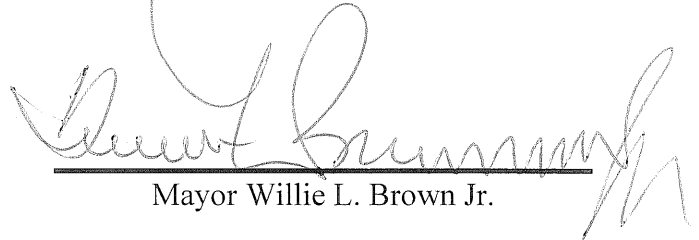
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on September 25, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.



Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved



Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.