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[Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvements]

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Resolution making certain findings pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 33445 and consenting to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco's use of tax increment funds in an amount not to exceed \$61,500 for contract administration, construction bid management, and project closeout for City owned public right-of-way improvements for the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway in the **Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area.** 

WHEREAS, Section 33445 of the California Health and Safety Code authorized a Redevelopment Agency, with the consent of the legislative body to pay for the costs of certain public improvements if the legislative body determines that: 1) the public improvements benefit the project area 2) no other reasonable means of financing the improvements are available to the community, and 3) payments for the improvements will assist in the elimination of blight in the project area and is consistent with the implementation plan; and

WHEREAS, The Bayview Hunters Project Area ("Project Area") was created pursuant to the provisions of the California Community Redevelopment Law (California Health and Safety Code Sections 33000 et. seq.); and

WHEREAS, The Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan ("Redevelopment Plan") was approved on June 1, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco by Ordinance No. 113-06; and

WHEREAS, Agency Commission Resolution No. 37-2011 dated March 29, 2011, the Agency Commission authorized the Executive Director to prepare, a resolution for consideration by the Board of Supervisors (together with other relevant documents), that

comply with the requirements of California Health and Safety Code Section 33445 to allow Agency funding of the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the adoption of the Redevelopment Plan, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") has determined that blighting conditions exist within the Project Area and the implementation of various public improvements is an element of the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway ("Stairway") has fallen into disrepair due to the lack of designated capital funds to improve pedestrian stairway amenities.

Pedestrian paths and stairways have generally received less attention and funding for upkeep and maintenance than streets and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvements (the "Project") includes installing: reinforced concrete steps; new handrails and guardrails with ADA compliance; installing new anti-slip strip at all stairs; vandal resistance lightings; and mosaic tile panels to all stair steps. In addition, the Project also includes plantings along both sides of the stairs to transform the Stairway into an attractive pedestrian linkage; and

WHEREAS, the Project will eliminate blighting conditions and benefit the Project Area in a manner that is consistent with the Implementation Plan by improving the pedestrian environment, public safety and upgrading the area's appearance; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Agency applied for a Transportation Enhancement ("TE") grant for the Stairway improvements in the amount of \$1,109,000 through the San Francisco County Transportation Authority. The source of the grant is the TE Program from the Regional Transportation Improvement Program and is managed by Caltrans; and

WHEREAS, federal transportation funds cannot be allocated directly to the Agency without a Caltrans Master Agreement per state guidelines. As the administering City department for public right-of-way improvement projects and authorized recipient of Caltrans

funds, the Department of Public Works ("DPW") is the appropriate department to accept and expend the funds for the Stairway; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works was awarded the TE grant for the Project in 2011. The grant sources do not cover the entire cost of the project, DPW estimates an additional \$61,500 is needed for non-construction cost to cover contract administration, construction management and project closeout for the Project; and

WHEREAS, DPW searched for funds from the City and other sources, and except for the TE grant funds was unable to acquire additional funds because of the recent economic recession. The City itself faces substantial fiscal challenges in light of substantially reduced tax revenues and challenging economic conditions created by the recess. According to the Three Year Budget Projection for General Fund Supported Obligations FY2010-11 through 2012-13, project shortfalls in General Fund revenues compared to expenditures over the next three years are \$483 million in FY2010-11, \$712 million in FY2011-12, and \$787 million in FY 2012-13. These projected deficits illustrate why alternatives sources of funding are not available for the needed structural access improvements.

WHEREAS, the City's capital budget does not include funding for this Project and there are no other reasonable means of financing the Project; and

WHEREAS, improvements to deteriorated public facilities, creating non-vehicular access, and installing needed site improvements to benefit employment and new commercial growth are listed as activities in the five-year Implementation Plan for the Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Project is consistent with the Implementation Plan because it provides an improved access point to employment opportunities and transit, and renovates a public facility; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 37-2011 was adopted by the Redevelopment Agency Commission on March 29, 2011 authorizing Agency staff to pursue Board of Supervisors approval of findings now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors findings that the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvements will be of benefit to the Project Area; and that there are no other reasonable means of funding the Project; and that the Project is consistent with the Implementation Plan for the Project Area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco authorizes the Redevelopment Agency acting through the Executive Director is authorized to expend \$61,500 of tax increment funds for the Arelious Walker Drive Stairway Improvements.



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## Resolution

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April 26, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 4/26/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Mayor Edwin Lee

**Date Approved**