[CEQA Findings in Connection with the YBC Redevelopment Plan Amendment]

AFFIRMING CERTIFICATION OF THE YERBA BUENA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

AREA EXPANSION/EMPORIUM SITE DEVELOPMENT FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BY THE CITY PLANNING AND REDEVELOPMENT

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.

WHEREAS, The site of the Yerba Buena Redevelopment Project Area

Expansion/Emporium Site Development Project ("Project") is located west of the current

Yerba Buena Redevelopment Area and includes portions of the blocks bounded by Market,

Fourth, Mission and Fifth Streets ("Site"); and,

WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco ("City") and the Redevelopment

Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") have undertaken a planning and

environmental review process for the proposed Project and provided for public hearings

before the Planning Commission and the Agency Commission; and,

WHEREAS, The actions listed in Attachment A (the "Actions"), attached hereto and

incorporated herein by reference, are part of a series of considerations in connection with

approval of the Project, as more particularly defined in Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, On October 24, 1998, the Planning Department ("Department") and the

Agency released for public review and comment the Draft Environmental Impact Report

("DEIR") for the originally proposed project; and,
WHEREAS, The Planning Commission and the Agency Commission held a duly noticed joint DEIR public hearing on December 8, 1998; and,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUPERVISOR YAKI
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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
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

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.