[Ground Lease of Redevelopment Agency Land for Marlton Manor Apartments]

APPROVING THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO'S LEASE OF LAND AT ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 339, LOT 14, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 240 JONES STREET, TO MERCY PROPERTIES CALIFORNIA, FOR 50 YEARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESERVING A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR VERY LOW AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS.

WHEREAS, The expiration of project-based Section 8 contracts poses a serious threat to San Francisco’s affordable housing stock; and

WHEREAS, The Agency and the City desire to preserve developments with Section 8 contracts as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The housing development located at Assessor’s Block 339, Lot 14, more commonly known as 240 Jones Street (“the Project”), has an expiring Section 8 contract and an FHA-insured mortgage eligible for prepayment; and

WHEREAS, The current private owner of the Project expressed its intention to prepay that mortgage, terminate the Section 8 contract and convert the Project from affordable housing to market rate housing; and

WHEREAS, In order to preserve the long-term affordability of the Project, the Agency intends to become the owner of the land associated with the Project (“the Property”) located in the Tenderloin neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Properties California, a California 501 (c) (3) Non-profit corporation (“Developer”) is an entity established to acquire and operate the Project as housing units for Very Low and Low Income Households and will become the owner of the improvements on the Property; and

WHEREAS, A majority of the tenants at the Project have endorsed the acquisition of the Project by the Developer; and

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WHEREAS, The Developer has applied to the Agency for funding to preserve the Project as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, The Developer anticipates securing 9% Low Income Tax Credits and, this funding, the Agency funding and the lease of the Property for a restricted rent, estimated to be two hundred and sixty thousand dollars per year ($260,000), will make it financially feasible for the Developer to preserve 151 dwelling units for occupancy by Very Low and Low Income Households, as those terms are defined in California Health and Safety Code Sections 50105 and 33334.2, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The Agency and Mercy Properties California intend to enter into a ground lease ("the Ground Lease"), in which the Agency will lease the Property for two hundred and sixty thousand dollars ($260,000) per year, of which $15,000 is due and payable each year with the remainder payable to the extent income exceeds operations, in exchange for the Developer’s agreement, among other things, to preserve the Project with rent levels affordable to Very Low and Low Income Households; and

WHEREAS, Although the Property could command a higher rent, leasing the Property for a rent in excess of the stated rent would render it financially infeasible to preserve the Project with rent levels affordable to Very Low and Low Income Households; and

WHEREAS, Because the Property will be purchased with tax increment money, Section 33433 of the California Health and Safety Code requires the Board of Supervisors’ approval of its sale or lease, after a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the public hearing has been published as required by Health and Safety Code Section 33433; and

WHEREAS, The Agency prepared and submitted a report in accordance with the requirements of Section 33433 of the Health and Safety Code, including a copy of the proposed Ground Lease, and a summary of the transaction describing the cost of the Ground Lease of the Agency, the value of the property interest to be conveyed, the lease price and other information was made available for the public inspection; now therefore be it

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RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does hereby find and determine that the lease of the Property from the Agency to Mercy Properties California, a California 501(c) (3) Non-profit corporation: (1) will provide housing for Very Low and Low Income Persons; (2) is consistent with the Agency’s implementation plan adopted pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 33490; (3) the less than fair market value rent of approximately two hundred and sixty thousand dollars ($260,000) per year for a period of fifty (50) years is necessary to effectuate the purposes of the Mayor’s Affordable Housing Preservation Program; and (4) the consideration to be received by the Agency is not less than the fair reuse value at the use and with the covenants and conditions and developments costs authorized by the Ground Lease; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors hereby approves and authorizes the Agency to execute the Ground Lease of the Property from the Agency to Mercy Properties California, substantially in the form of the Ground Lease lodged with the Agency General Counsel, and to take such further actions and execute such documents as are necessary to carry out the Ground Lease on behalf of the Agency.
Resolution approving the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco's lease of land at Assessor's Block 339, Lot 14, commonly known as 240 Jones Street, to Mercy Properties California, for 50 years for the purpose of preserving a housing development for very low and low income households.

December 11, 2000 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Aves: 9 - Ammiano, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki
Absent: 1 - Yee
Excused: 1 - Becerril
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on December 11, 2000 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.