Resolution urging Mirant Corporation to commit to the City now that it will permanently close the Potrero Power Plant when the Reliability Must Run contract for the facility is removed, and urging Mirant to divest itself of ownership of the site, and reaffirming the City's commitment to closing the Potrero Power Plant as soon as feasible, and urging all interested State and Federal agencies to facilitate the closure of the Potrero Power Plant, so that the site may be developed in a manner more in harmony with surrounding neighborhoods and sound public and environmental health.

WHEREAS, The City and community have been committed to the replacement of the old, inefficient, polluting power plants in southeast San Francisco for many years; and

WHEREAS, The City and community have worked with the California Independent System Operator (ISO) to develop an Action Plan for San Francisco, which sets forth the conditions necessary to close the Hunters Point and Potrero Power Plants; and

WHEREAS, The Hunters Point Power Plant was permanently closed in May 2006; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 124-01 required that San Francisco oppose any application for a proposed siting, expansion or development of fossil fuel power generation at the Potrero Power Plant, and deny any San Francisco governmental approval that would facilitate such generation and withhold the City's approval of any lease, license, permit, easement or other agreement for such facility unless certain minimum conditions were met; and

WHEREAS, Mirant Corporation's Potrero Power Plant expansion proposal was terminated by the California Energy Commission on March 1, 2006; and
WHEREAS, The ISO's Action Plan for San Francisco provides that the Potrero Power Plant will not be needed to ensure electric reliability once certain electric system improvements are in place; and

WHEREAS, The City anticipates that the required electric system improvements could be in place by the end of 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Regional Water Quality Control Board, on May 10, 2006, renewed the discharge permit for Potrero Power Plant Unit 3 only until December 31, 2008 and stated its intent to prohibit the plant's discharge of once-through cooling water after that date unless Mirant can show that such discharges have no significant adverse impacts on San Francisco Bay; and

WHEREAS, Given the record of harm from once-through cooling, Mirant will not be able to show that discharges from the plant avoid significantly harming the Bay; and

WHEREAS, The City has stated its commitment to oppose the use of once-through cooling at the Potrero Power Plant after December 2008; and

WHEREAS, The Potrero Power plant is adjacent to the Dogpatch neighborhood, which in recent years has attracted hundreds of new residential units; and

WHEREAS, The Potrero Power Plant is adjacent to the Port of San Francisco's 14 acre Pier 70 Mixed-Use Opportunity Area; and

WHEREAS, Live/work and loft developments are located within 1,000 feet of the Potrero Power Plant site; and

WHEREAS, The City seeks to ensure that cumulative impacts from industrial emissions do not adversely impact the residential communities in Dogpatch, Potrero Hill and Bayview/Hunters Point; and

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WHEREAS, the California Energy Commission has recognized Southeast San Francisco as a minority community entitled to environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, In Resolution No. 827-02, the Board of Supervisors endorsed the "Electricity Resource Plan" developed by the Public Utilities Commission and Department of the Environment to guide the City in meeting its electricity demand in a sustainable manner; and

WHEREAS, conservation activities are increasing, energy efficient products are being produced and utilized in greater numbers, and renewable energy generation plans are being implemented; and

WHEREAS, Appropriate development of the Potrero Power Plant site is an important part of the City's ongoing effort to revitalize the Central Waterfront area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Mirant Corporation to commit to the City now that it will close the Potrero Power Plant when the Reliability Must Run contract for the facility is removed; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Mirant Corporation to divest itself of ownership of the site; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors reaffirms the City's commitment to closing the Potrero Power Plant as soon as feasible; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all interested State and Federal agencies to facilitate the closure of the Potrero Power Plant, so that the site may be developed in a manner more in harmony with surrounding neighborhoods and sound public and environmental health.
Resolution urging Mirant Corporation to commit to the City now that it will permanently close the Potrero Power Plant when the Reliability Must Run contract for the facility is removed, and urging Mirant to divest itself of ownership of the site, and reaffirming the City's commitment to closing the Potrero Power Plant as soon as feasible, and urging all interested State and Federal agencies to facilitate the closure of the Potrero Power Plant, so that the site may be developed in a manner more in harmony with surrounding neighborhoods and sound public and environmental health.

January 30, 2007  Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Ammiano, Daly, Duffy, Elsbernd, Jew, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin
Excused: 1 - Sandoval
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on January 30, 2007 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom