Resolution urging the United States Navy to reinstate the Restoration Advisory Board of the Hunters Point Shipyard and/or provide other appropriate forums to ensure meaningful public participation in the cleanup process.

WHEREAS, Hunters Point Shipyard (HPS) has been designated by the US Environmental Protection Agency as a Federal Superfund Site that currently contains metals, volatile compounds, some low levels of radiological contamination, and other hazardous materials that affect human health; and,

WHEREAS, According to the Department of the Navy, the Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is intended to increase stakeholder involvement in the environmental clean-up of HPS and a forum for addressing concerns associated with environmental restoration activities; and,

WHEREAS, The Navy cancelled the regularly scheduled February 2009 Restoration Advisory Board and has failed to schedule any more RAB meetings since then; and,

WHEREAS, On May 22, 2009, the Navy issued its letter of intent to dissolve the RAB citing "irreconcilable issues" as the main reason; and,

WHEREAS, Navy guidelines state that dissolution of a RAB should only be an act of last resort after an independent mediator has been brought in to address any conflict within the group; and,

WHEREAS, There is high interest among Bayview Hunters Point residents to ensure community oversight and engagement in the Navy's restoration activities currently underway at the Hunters Point Shipyard, as current decisions made by the Navy will have far reaching implications for the families living in the surrounding area; and
WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors supports broad and meaningful public participation in the Navy’s restoration activities on the Hunters Point Shipyard in order to ensure that the community has a forum to both gain information and to provide the Navy with productive input about the Navy’s remediation activities and cleanup program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to reinstate the Restoration Advisory Board and/or provide other forums that engage the community at-large and provide opportunities for greater and sustained participation from stakeholders including residents, business owners, community based organization, and members of other neighborhood associations and citizen task forces that represent southeast San Francisco; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to follow its own guidelines and foster an effective way to provide critical information to the public and receive public comment on environmental decisions and documents; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Navy to allow adequate time to address questions and concerns raised by the community in relation to the Navy’s restoration activities at the Hunters Point Shipyard; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to forward this resolution to the United States Navy.
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November 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE
Ayes: 7 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Duffy, Elsbernd and Maxwell
Noes: 4 - Avalos, Daly, Mar and Mirkarimi

November 17, 2009 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED AS AMENDED
Ayes: 9 - Alioto-Pier, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Duffy, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi
Noes: 2 - Avalos and Daly

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED AS AMENDED on 11/17/2009 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.