

1 [U.S Navy – Public Participation in the Hunters Point Shipyard Restoration Project .]

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 WHEREAS, There is high interest among Bayview Hunters Point residents to ensure  
23 community oversight and engagement in the Navy's restoration activities currently underway  
24 at the Hunters Point Shipyard, as current decisions made by the Navy will have far reaching  
25 implications for the families living in the surrounding area; and

1           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors supports broad and meaningful public  
2 participation in the Navy's restoration activities on the Hunters Point Shipyard in order to  
3 ensure that the community has a forum to both gain information and to provide the Navy with  
4 productive input about the Navy's remediation activities and cleanup program; now, therefore,  
5 be it

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

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

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

17           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board  
18 to forward this resolution to the United States Navy.



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**Resolution**

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**Date Passed:**

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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, Dufty, 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, Dufty, 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.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Date

11-23-09