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RESOLUTION NO. 433-11

[Supporting the Central Subway Project and Replacement Housing Obligation]

Resolution supporting the Central Subway Project, replacement of all demolished rent controlled units, and that which provides relocation packages to all displaced tenants.

WHEREAS, The Central Subway, Phase 2 of the Third Street Light Rail Project, will complete a transit link connecting the southeastern sector of the City to the heart of San Francisco's retail and financial centers and Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, The project will serve a low-income, transit dependent population and provide access to jobs and services within the corridor, which is projected to see a 26 percent increase in population and a 61 percent increase in employment; and

WHEREAS, 54 percent of the current residents in the entire Third Street corridor and 68 percent in the Central Subway segment do not own a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, The Central Subway is integral to the region's transportation future and will improve connections between Caltrain, BART and Muni Metro; and

WHEREAS, This project will provide significant community benefits including shorter commute times, reduced traffic congestion and cleaner air for residents, workers and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, The completed Central Subway alignment is projected to significantly increase ridership and reduce trip times from the beginning to the end of the alignment from 20 to 7 minutes; and

WHEREAS, By 2030, the Third Street Light Rail, which includes the Central Subway, will have a 20 percent higher ridership level than the N Judah, which is Muni's most active line at present, and

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Page 1 9/29/2011 WHEREAS, This project will create over 30,000 jobs over the course of its construction and beyond according to job projection formulas developed by the American Public Transportation Association, and

WHEREAS, The project will require the demolition of rent controlled housing stock and displacement of 19 low-income households from Chinatown, and

WHEREAS, The Chinatown Area Plan in Policy 3.1 expressly states "Chinatown's 6,500 housing units, with their moderate rent are a virtually irreplaceable housing resource. The protection already provided to residential hotel units (two thirds of Chinatown's housing) needs to be extended to apartment units as well. Demolition should be allowed only if that is the only way to protect public safety or for a specific use in which there is a high degree of community need. Low cost housing removed by new development should be replaced on a unit for unit basis and adequate relocation assistance for all displaced persons should be assured"; and

WHEREAS, It is in the City's best interest to require the project to provide a relocation package for the displaced households that will provide them with the opportunity to reside permanently in San Francisco in or near Chinatown, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors supports the expeditious completion of all requirements necessary to enter into a Full Funding Grant Agreement with the Federal Transit Administration for the Central Subway project; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisor supports a project that will replace all demolished rent controlled units on a one for one basis at affordable levels and that provides relocation packages to all displaced households consistent with the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 and the approve Central Subway Relocation Impact Study and Last Resort Housing Plan that provide them with the opportunity to remain permanently in or near San Francisco's Chinatown.

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October 04, 2011 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Cohen, Elsbernd, Farrell, Kim, Mar, Mirkarimi and Wiener

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 10/4/2011 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

Mayor Edwi

10/14/2011

Date Approved