Resolution urging the California Regents to move consideration of the proposed University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) Parnassus Expansion Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Amendment to the 2014 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) from their January 2021 meeting to their March 2021 meeting.

WHEREAS, The University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) is a public research university that operates four major campus sites within the City and County of San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, In June 1975, six neighborhood organizations abutting the UCSF Parnassus campus adopted the "Mt. Sutro Community Master Plan," which among other policies called upon campus planners to "limit the size" of the campus to "their present structural envelope" and to "decentralize functions" to other areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, In October 1975, in its Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on its Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), UCSF Parnassus campus planners accepted this notion stating "UCSF plans to limit its size at Parnassus Avenue campus to its present structural envelope" adding "UCSF will continue to decentralize its activities;" and

WHEREAS, On May 21, 1976, the Board of Regents of the University of California (The Regents) passed a resolution for its Parnassus campus, stating that "the total structures within the campus boundaries shall not exceed 3.55 million gross square feet and this limit shall be permanent;" and

WHEREAS, In each succeeding UCSF Parnassus LRDP, including the 2014 and 2019 amendments to the current LRDP, the commitment to the space cap has been maintained; and
WHEREAS, While state law exempts UCSF from local land use laws, on February 17, 1987, UCSF entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City and County of San Francisco with the intent to create joint "oversight of University master planning, construction and real estate utilization;" and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid MOU stipulated that the UCSF LRDP would be considered as an "institutional master plan" required of all hospitals by the City's Planning Code and that "UCSF will advise the City in writing of all matters concerning master planning, construction and real property;" and

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2019, UCSF released the Comprehensive Parnassus Heights Plan (CPHP) which among other provisions declared the school's intent to bring its total footprint to approximately 5.9 million gross square feet, and which would require an increase in the space ceiling by 1.5 million gross square feet, from 3.55 million gross square feet to 5.05 million gross square feet; and

WHEREAS, The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Plan, according to the Planning Department, "represents a substantial increase to the existing development at Parnassus Heights with a greater than 50% increase in the gross floor area" and raises concerns "about the plans impacts on MUNI" and "San Francisco's job-housing balance;" and

WHEREAS, In June 2020, as a means to ensure that the proposed expansion aligns with the City’s priorities for housing, open space, and transportation and knits into the surrounding neighborhood, UCSF and the City of San Francisco began negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU); and

WHEREAS, To date, there have two public meetings regarding the proposed MOU, the first of which was held on September 29, 2020, in which members of the public were invited to “share your ideas about community investments and benefits;” and
WHEREAS, The second of two public meetings to date on the MOU was held on December 9, 2020, the purpose of which was to “review community feedback from the first community meeting, provide an overview of the proposed MOU terms, and discuss next steps;” and

WHEREAS, The proposed MOU, negotiated between the Planning Department, Mayor’s Office, and UCSF, was not made publicly available until January 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, An Informational Hearing at the Planning Commission is scheduled for Thursday, January 7, 2021 for the public to consider the draft MOU; and

WHEREAS, Community outreach and engagement have been significantly more challenging, limited and time-consuming as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in particular the surge in cases since November 2020; and

WHEREAS, As confirmed at the December 9, 2020, community meeting, UCSF officials, despite the limitations imposed on public input by the ongoing pandemic, and despite the delayed release of the proposed MOU, remain committed to seeking approval from The Regents on their EIR plan and 2014 LRDP amendment at the UC Regents meeting of January 19-21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The proposed MOU has not been presented for approval, or approved, by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, UCSF has rejected requests that the Regents consideration of the EIR and 2014 LRDP amendment be delayed until the next meeting of the Regents in March; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges The Regents to consider the proposed CPHP EIR and 2014 LRDP amendment at their March 2021 meeting in order to allow the residents of the City and County of San Francisco to better understand, consider,
and comment upon the project including the draft MOU between their local representatives and UCSF; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors transmit copies of this Resolution to The Regents.
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January 11, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

January 11, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

January 12, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai and Walton
Noes: 1 - Stefani

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 1/12/2021 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution, File No. 210017, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

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Angela Calvillo  Date

1/22/2021
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Clerk of the Board