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RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 [Citywide Biodiversity]

2 **RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE TREASURE ISLAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S**
3 **SUPPORT OF THE CITYWIDE BIODIVERSITY VISION ADOPTED BY THE SAN**
4 **FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION**
5 **107-18**

6 **WHEREAS**, On May 2, 1997, the Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 380-97,
7 authorizing the Mayor's Treasure Island Project Office to establish a nonprofit public benefit
8 corporation known as the Treasure Island Development Authority (the "Authority") to act as a
9 single entity focused on the planning, redevelopment, reconstruction, rehabilitation, reuse and
10 conversion of the Base for the public interest, convenience, welfare and common benefit of
11 the inhabitants of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

12 **WHEREAS**, On April 17, 2018, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved and
13 adopted Resolution 107-18 establishing local biodiversity as a citywide priority and creating a
14 framework for interagency collaboration for nature-based initiatives; and

15 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 107-18 resolves that certain City departments, including the
16 Authority, should participate in both a set of initial survey and reporting initiatives as well as in
17 ongoing interdepartmental workgroups and project-level initiatives, associated with San
18 Francisco Environment's responsibilities administering the elements of this multi-departmental
19 Citywide commitment to biodiversity; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Authority staff actively participate in the regular inter-agency biodiversity
21 working group and the Authority has also the completed departmental biodiversity survey
22 referenced in Resolution 107-18; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Resolution 107-18 called upon these City departments, including TIDA, to
24 articulate a formal commitment to San Francisco's Biodiversity Vision; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, The Yerba Buena Island Habitat Management Plan (HMP) defines the
2 strategies, goals, prescriptions and best practices necessary to ensure the protection,
3 restoration and enhancement of Yerba Buena Island's natural areas; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Implementation of the HMP is, and will continue to be, a long-term priority
5 of the Authority and will assure the protection and enhancement of YBI's biologically rich
6 ecosystems and interconnected habitats across the Island; and

7 **WHEREAS**, The Treasure Island Development Project and the Project's associated
8 Parks and Open Space Plan, Streetscape Master Plan and YBI Habitat Management Plan
9 articulates a vision for large scale improvements to Treasure and Yerba Buena Island to
10 include an extensive network of over 290 acres of parks and open spaces ensuring equitable
11 access, awareness and experience of nature for the Island community, a new stormwater
12 collection system and associated best practices intended to manage flooding and outflow
13 back to the waters of San Francisco Bay, and a new Wastewater Treatment Facility to include
14 reclaimed and recycled water and a polishing wetlands supporting further biological diversity,
15 resulting in maximized opportunities for promoting local biodiversity and creating viable
16 natural habitats; and

17 **WHEREAS**, This framework directs an innovative approach to constructing the islands'
18 built environments to be truly in concert with the local natural environment and the indigenous
19 ecology of Yerba Buena Island and the region, both visually for humans and ecologically for
20 other species; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Authority staff works regularly in collaboration with master developer
22 Treasure Island Community Development (TICD) and the San Francisco County
23 Transportation Authority (SFCTA) to ensure thoughtful ecological planning and design in the
24 execution of on-Island development project improvements and transportation infrastructure

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1 improvements so as to maximize the opportunities for promoting local biodiversity and
2 creating viable natural habitats., and

3 **WHEREAS**, The Authority also continues to promote biodiversity in departmental
4 planning and operations through funding and execution of capital projects in YBI natural areas
5 and TI open spaces, funding an annual work order with SF Environment for biodiversity-
6 focused departmental support and planning, funding YBI natural areas maintenance and
7 restoration projects, assisting master landscape contractor Rubicon Landscape develop its
8 natural-areas management training consistent with the HMP and with the City's Biodiversity
9 Goals; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The Authority and SF Environment have established the Yerba Buena
11 Island Stewardship Program which offers regular public volunteer opportunities, engagement
12 with on-Island schools and community organizations, corporate volunteerism and small-scale
13 physical improvements improving habitat diversity within the existing built environment on
14 Treasure Island; and

15 **WHEREAS**, The Authority and SFE are planning for long-term natural resources
16 management and stewardship of YBI and TI by contemplating different operational models
17 and partnerships, in order to devise the most successful solution for the benefit of the island's
18 natural heritage and human community; now therefore be it

19 **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors hereby affirms its commitment to the Citywide
20 biodiversity vision articulated in Board of Supervisors Resolution 107-18 and embodied in the
21 development plan including the Parks and Open Space Plan, the Streetscape Master Plan
22 and the YBI Habitat Management Plan; and, be it

23 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors hereby reaffirms its commitment to
24 the Yerba Buena Island Habitat Management Plan and its associated strategies, goals,

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1 prescriptions and best practices necessary to ensure the protection, restoration and
2 enhancement of Yerba Buena Island's natural areas; and be it

3 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Authority continue its collaborative efforts with City
4 departments, regional agencies and its private development partners towards fulfilling the
5 City's Biodiversity Vision and in connecting the Treasure and Yerba Buena Island community,
6 to the unique natural heritage of Yerba Buena Island.

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10 **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

11 **I hereby certify that I am the duly elected Secretary of the Treasure Island**
12 **Development Authority, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, and that the**
13 **above Resolution was duly adopted and approved by the Board of Directors of the**
14 **Authority at a properly noticed meeting on May 8, 2019.**

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18 Mark Dunlop Secretary
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