

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2002

Adopted February 12, 2002

**ENDORISING THE MUSEUM CONCEPT, ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAMMING
AND PROJECT FEASIBILITY EVALUATION OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN
MUSEUM LOCATED AT THE ST. REGIS MUSEUM TOWER DEVELOPMENT
ON PARCEL EB-2A AT THE CORNER OF THIRD AND MISSION STREETS;
YERBA BUENA CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA**


BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. By Resolution No. 62-99, dated May 25, 1999, the Commission selected Carpenter & Company as the developer of parcel EB-2A located at Third and Mission Streets in the Yerba Buena Center Redevelopment Project Area. The project improvements will be known as the St. Regis Museum Tower.
2. A new African American museum ("the Museum") will be located in the St. Regis Museum Tower and will consist of three floors of new construction and extend to the third floor of the Williams Building, an existing historic structure.
3. By Resolution No. 158-2001 adopted August 28, 2001, the Commission authorized a Personal Services Contract with The Freelon Group, Inc., a North Carolina corporation ("Consultant"), for specialized concept development, programming and feasibility evaluation services for the approximately 20,000 square feet of cultural/exhibit space to be included in the African American Museum.
4. Consultant, in consultation with the Museum's Steering Committee and the community at large, has completed development of a Concept for the Museum that it is a Museum that "connects all people through the culture and history of the African Diaspora in this region and the world." Consultant has provided associated programming and feasibility evaluation services, all of which will provide the basis for the subsequent architectural and exhibit design of the African American Museum, and which are documented in a Concept Book presented to the Agency by the Consultant.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, that the Agency endorses the Concept for the African American Museum architectural program and project feasibility as presented in the Concept Book submitted to the Agency, which shall serve as the basis for preparation of design and construction documents and an operating agreement to be developed to implement such Concept.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

for 

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