

RESOLUTION NO. 70-2008

Adopted July 1, 2008

**AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LETTER
AGREEMENT WITH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,027,983,
SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS, FOR
ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACTS WITH FIVE
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE AND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES FROM JULY 1, 2008 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008;
ALL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND SURVEY AREAS**

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. On July 1, 2007, the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") entered into a letter agreement with the Mayor's Office of Community Development ("MOCD Letter Agreement") for business assistance and employment development services through five community-based organizations ("CBOs"). These services are for all Redevelopment Project and Survey Areas and include:
 - *Business assistance:* business technical assistance and loan packaging services to project and survey area businesses and businesses that serve low- and moderate-income project and survey area residents, and entrepreneurial training services to low- and moderate-income project and survey area residents; and
 - *Employment development:* employment development and training services in support of the Agency's Workforce Program, including referrals of qualified low- and moderate-income project and survey area residents to developers and their contractors for both construction and long-term employment.
2. The existing MOCD Letter Agreement expires on July 1, 2008. As a result, Agency staff seeks to enter into an Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with MOCD (the "Amended Letter Agreement"), which primarily extends the MOCD Letter Agreement for six months, to allow further discussions with MOCD and community organizations regarding a new letter agreement. The proposed Amended Letter Agreement term will be from July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008, and will include a budget in an amount not to exceed \$1,027,983, subject to the appropriation of funds, to continue to provide business assistance and employment development services through five CBOs. These CBOs are: (1) the South of Market Foundation, doing business as Urban Solutions; (2) Asian Neighborhood Design; (3) Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center; (4) Young Community Developers; and (5) Mission Hiring Hall, Incorporated.

3. The provision of technical studies to facilitate façade and tenant improvement projects pursuant to the Amended Letter Agreement with MOCD are pre-construction activities, which are feasibility and planning studies that would not independently result in a physical change in the environment and are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15262. The provision, under the Amended Letter Agreement, of administrative support to businesses and job seekers, and construction monitoring of physical improvements to properties, are not projects as defined by CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378(b)(4) and 15378(b)(5), and would not result in any physical change in the environment.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into an Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with the Mayor's Office of Community Development, in an amount not to exceed \$1,027,983 subject to appropriation of funds, for the administration of contracts with the five community-based organizations identified above to provide business assistance and employment development services from July 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008; all Redevelopment Project and Survey Areas.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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