

**RESOLUTION NO. 112-2010**

*Adopted September 7, 2010*

**COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
LONDON N. BREED  
FOR HER SERVICES UPON THE OCCASION OF HER DEPARTURE  
FROM HER POSITION AS COMMISSIONER OF THE  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
SAN FRANCISCO**

**BASIS FOR RESOLUTION**

1. On April 26, 2005, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom appointed Ms. Breed to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Commission. At the age of 30, she was one of the youngest commissioners ever appointed. She has served with distinction, excellence, and commitment to the Agency's mission of promoting community, economic and physical development in blighted neighborhoods, and preserving and developing affordable housing for all of San Francisco.
2. In her five years of public service on the Commission, Ms. Breed has supported, and the Commission has adopted, numerous redevelopment plans and specific development projects that have improved, and will continue to improve, the economic vitality, urban landscape, and quality of life in San Francisco. With her oversight and approval, the Agency adopted the Transbay, Bayview Hunters Point, and Visitacion Valley Redevelopment Plans, and most recently, the approval of the integrated mixed use project at Candlestick Point and Phase 2 of the Hunters Point Shipyard. These long term development plans commit the City and the Agency to use the significant powers under redevelopment law to create positive changes in blighted areas where tens of thousands of San Franciscans live and work.
3. Ms. Breed has been an advocate for affordable housing developments that serve the housing needs of individuals, families, and seniors in the various redevelopment project areas. With Ms. Breed's support, the Agency financed and developed thousands of units of affordable housing, including housing for the chronically homeless, seniors, low income families, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and others with special needs, and implemented its policy committing 50% of tax increment funds to affordable housing.
4. Ms. Breed has been a staunch proponent of business and economic development for San Francisco's minority and woman-owned business enterprises. Ms. Breed supported the development of the Fillmore Heritage mixed-use development, new cultural institutions including the Museum of the African Diaspora, the Jazz Heritage Center, the Contemporary Jewish Museum, Binkley, the Filipino Cultural Center, the proposed Mexican Museum, and significant community and economic revitalization of the Sixth Street corridor.

5. Ms. Breed, as a lifelong member of the Western Addition, has witnessed the tremendous changes that have taken place in her community. Ms. Breed has been a strong advocate for the needs of the community and a staunch community activist, and has dedicated her life to empowering and improving her neighborhood. Ms. Breed advocated changes in the Certificate of Preference program by extending the program's termination date, expanding benefits, and making other changes in the program.
6. Ms. Breed attended the University of California, Davis and was awarded numerous scholarships for her academic performance. While she began her collegiate career majoring in chemistry, political science proved to be much more attractive to her ultimate goal of community activism and development. While at the University, Ms. Breed served as an intern for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and interned with the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services during the first term of Willie L. Brown, Jr.'s administration.
7. Ms. Breed graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1997 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science-Public Service and a minor in African American Studies and immediately returned to San Francisco to work for the Treasure Island Development Authority.
8. In August 2002, former San Francisco Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr., appointed London Breed, as the Executive Director of the African American Art & Culture Complex ("AAACC"). The AAACC, situated in one of San Francisco's most socio-economically challenged communities, the Western Addition, was in desperate need of innovation, change, and direction. Under the leadership of Ms. Breed, the AAACC has become one of the most renowned and progressive institutions of African centered cultural expression in the San Francisco Bay Area.
9. As a community activist, Ms. Breed has been affiliated with a number of different civil society organizations including the San Francisco Women's Political Committee, National Women's Political Caucus, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the San Francisco Young Democrats, San Francisco African American Democratic Club, San Francisco Mayor's Summit for Women Steering Committee Member, San Francisco Juneteenth Festival Committee, A. Phillip Randolph Institute Voter Registration Volunteer, Black Leadership Forum, Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Breakfast Committee, San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Citizens Advisory Committee for the Western Addition A-2 area, the San Francisco Community Challenge Grant Committee, the San Francisco African American Task Force, and the San Francisco Telecommunications Task Force.
10. Ms. Breed's hard work and commitment to her community, the Redevelopment Agency and AAACC, has earned her numerous awards including the Heart to Heart Award given by the Schools of Sacred Heart in San Francisco, California in January 2005, the Commission on the Status of Women and San Francisco Supervisor Ross Mirkarimi on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco in March 2005, the Ronald DeVoyce Blackburn Talented Tenth Award in May 2005, the Martin Luther

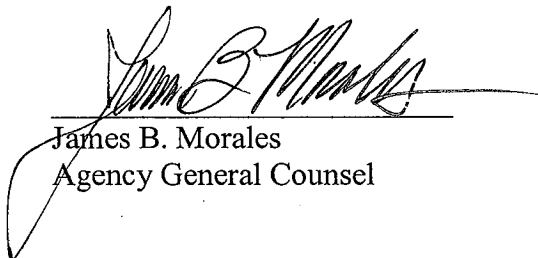
King, Jr. Civic Committee Annual Community Service Award in January 2006, and the African American Historical and Cultural Society award in October 2006. On March 20, 2006, Ms. Breed was chosen as California State Senator Carole Migden's "Woman of the Year" and was honored at the California State Capital. On February 22, 2007, Ms. Breed was awarded the Geraldine Johnson Community Advocate Award given by the San Francisco Housing Development Corporation. Finally, on May 12, 2007, Ms. Breed was honored by the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, San Francisco Chapter for her contribution to the Arts.

11. On January 14, 2007, Ms. Breed was elected to serve as a delegate for the California State Democratic Central Committee.

### **RESOLUTION**

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED** by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its past and present Commissioners, Executive Directors and employees, that it acknowledges the services that Ms. London Breed has provided to the Agency and by this Resolution expresses to Ms. Breed its appreciation of work well done, its thanks for her dedicated public service, and its sincere wish for success in all of her future endeavors.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Agency General Counsel