RESOLUTION NO. 223-2000

Adopted November 14, 2000

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
BYRON A. RHETT
FOR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE UPON HIS DEPARTURE FROM THE
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BASIS OF RESOLUTION

1. Byron A. Rhett, who, as a youth in Newark, New Jersey rose from the most depressed neighborhood in the City, was inspired to major in Urban Design and City Planning.

2. Byron, because of his exposure to these elements, was motivated to work with community groups who needed but could not afford assistance in planning for the revitalization of their communities.

3. Byron recognized the value of City government as a vehicle to promote his efforts to rectify the problems that existed in the inner city, such as a lack of clean and safe housing, community facilities and employment opportunities.

4. Because of his concern about the issues of economic and community development, Byron interned with various Newark City agencies trying to create programs to rebuild neighborhoods whose economic base had been destroyed during the riots of 1967.

5. As a result of his studies and excellent achievement in Newark, Byron was awarded a National Urban Fellowship where he spent nearly a year in Kansas City, Missouri as special assistant to the City Manager where he had the opportunity to work with the City Development Division which was charged with the task of strengthening neighborhood commercial areas, as well as attracting business and jobs to the downtown and industrial areas.

6. After the Fellowship Byron settled in San Francisco and in 1979 joined the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency where he began his professional career in the Real Estate Division where he had the opportunity to be directly involved in the development of almost 2000 units of housing.
7. During his 21 year tenure with the Redevelopment Agency he has been responsible for the disposition agreements leading to the development of cultural buildings, such as the San Francisco Ballet and commercial developments like the United Bank Building, and other developments such as Delancey Street, Opera Plaza, the Fillmore Center and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Arts.

8. Prior to the Shipyard, Byron was Project Manager for Hunters Point, India Basin and Western Addition Redevelopment Areas and most recently as Sr. Project Manager for Bayview Hunters Point Survey Area, India Basin, Hunters Point and Hunters Point Shipyard where the Memorandum of Agreement was signed with the Navy on Thursday, November 2, 2000.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its past and present Commissioners, Executive Directors and employees, recognizes Byron A. Rhett's service to the City and Agency, express appreciation for his contributions to improving the quality of life in San Francisco, and wishes him well in his new role as he continues to pursue his vision as Director of Development and Planning for the Port of San Francisco.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Bertha A. Ontiveros
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