RESOLUTION NO. 12-2001
Adopted February 6, 2001

APPROVING A POLICY THAT AGENCY COMMISSIONERS NOT PUBLICLY CRITICIZE AGENCY STAFF WITHOUT FIRST GIVING AGENCY STAFF THE OPPORTUNITY TO REBUT OR OTHERWISE RESPOND TO THE CRITICISM

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the "Agency") adopted the By-Laws of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the "By-Laws") on January 4, 1949. The Agency has amended the By-Laws from time to time, most recently by Resolution No. 1-99 adopted January 12, 1999.

2. Section 37 of the By-Laws states that the rules of parliamentary procedure set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall govern all meetings of the Agency, except as otherwise provided herein.

3. The Agency Commission makes decisions on matters of redevelopment policy and programs by considering the recommendations of the Agency Executive Director and Agency staff based on staff's professional and technical expertise.

4. Section 43 of Robert's Rules of Order establishes certain Rules Governing Debate, including certain provisions relating to "Confining Remarks to the Merits of the Pending Question," "Refraining from Attacking a Member's Motives" and "Refraining from Disturbing the Assembly."

5. It has been recommended that the Agency Commissioners, consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, not publicly criticize Agency staff without first giving Agency staff the opportunity to rebut or otherwise respond to the criticism.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that a policy is adopted that Agency Commissioners, consistent with Robert's Rules of Order, not publicly criticize Agency staff without first giving Agency Staff the opportunity to rebut or otherwise respond to the criticism.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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