RESOLUTION NO. 128-2001
Adopted July 10, 2001

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
JAMES B. MORALES
FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE UPON HIS DEPARTURE
FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BASIS OF RESOLUTION

1. James B. Morales, was the Executive Director of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, a local governmental entity promoting community, economic, and physical development in blighted neighborhoods from April, 1997 to July, 2001.

2. During his tenure, the Agency expanded affordable housing development and approved the development or preservation of over 1,762 units of affordable housing, emphasized community-based planning and initiated an era of reform and cooperation with other departments of the City and County of San Francisco.

3. In addition, under Mr. Morales' direction, the Agency adopted the Mission Bay and the Hunters Point Shipyard Redevelopment Plans, which are thirty (30) year programs for the revitalization of those areas, and initiated a new Transbay redevelopment planning effort designed to create a new multi-model transit hub and a mixed-use neighborhood in the downtown area.

4. Mr. Morales also directed the completion of older redevelopment projects in the Yerba Buena and Western Addition areas and began comprehensive, community-based planning efforts in the Bayview Hunters Point and Mid-Market Areas and adopted the City's first ethics policy governing outside contacts with Agency Commissioners.

5. In 2000, Mr. Morales helped to write and enact state legislation (SB-2113) providing an additional ten years of tax increment financing for affordable housing development in San Francisco. This legislation gives the City the authority to issue over $100 million in bonds to build lower income housing.

6. Prior to his tenure with the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, he was a staff attorney with the National Center for Youth Law, which helped enact and enforce federal and state laws protecting families with children from housing discrimination, where he started work shortly after his graduation from the University of Michigan Law School in 1979.

7. Mr. Morales specializes in fair housing law, has served under three different Mayors as a Redevelopment Commissioner, served as president of the San Francisco Planning Commission, a member of the San Francisco Commission on Environment, the San Francisco Rent Arbitration Board, and the ABA Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal needs of Children. He is a life-long resident of San Francisco.
8. Mr. Morales, a person of principle and integrity, has faced tremendous challenges, in his effort to transform the Redevelopment Agency into a community-oriented department serving the needs of low-income neighborhoods while promoting responsible growth to revitalize the City's economy.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its Commissioners, Staff, and the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of the services which he rendered to the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, does by this Resolution, express to James B. Morales its sincerest appreciation of work well done and best wishes in all of his future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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