RESOLUTION NO. 159-2001

Adopted August 28, 2001

AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $25,000 TO REIMBURSE EXPENSES FOR TRAVEL BY STEERING COMMITTEE AND STAFF TO SELECTED MUSEUMS FOR FACT FINDING AND CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM; YERBA BUENA CENTER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. By Resolution No. 62-99, adopted May 25, 1999, the Redevelopment Agency Commission selected Carpenter & Company as the developer of parcel EB-2A located at Third and Mission Streets in the Yerba Buena Project Area. The project improvements will be known as the St. Regis Museum Tower.

2. A new museum ("the African American Museum") will be located in the St. Regis Museum Tower and will consist of three floors of new construction and extension into the third floor of the Williams Building, an existing historic structure, totaling approximately 20,000 square feet. The African American Museum is scheduled to open in late 2003.

3. The Honorable Mayor Willie L. Brown, Jr. appointed an Advisory Panel to determine the next step of program development for the African American Museum. In late 2000, and at the Mayor's request, that Advisory Panel joined forces with selected members of another active community group, the Ad Hoc Committee for the San Francisco African American Museum, and is now jointly known as the Mayor's Committee for the San Francisco African American Museum (the "Steering Committee").

4. By Resolution No. 158-2001, adopted August 28, 2001, the Redevelopment Agency Commission authorized execution of a contract with The Freelon Group, Inc. ("Consultants") to provide specialized concept development, programming and feasibility evaluation services in cooperation with the Steering Group for the African American Museum.

5. Agency staff recommends a visit to selected museum and cultural institutions in Seattle, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C. and New York that exhibit high quality design, innovative use of technology and/or African American themes by eight members of the Mayor's Committee, staff and Consultants to observe and obtain information from the staff and trustees of such institutions.
RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to expend an amount not to exceed $25,000, to reimburse travel expenses incurred by Steering Committee and staff, for travel to selected museums for fact finding and the preparation of a concept and program for the African American Museum.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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