RESOLUTION NO. 17-2003

Adopted February 11, 2003

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
HELEN L. SAUSE
FOR HER SERVICES ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM
THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BASIS OF RESOLUTION

1. Helen L. Sause has been Deputy Executive Director for Program and Project Management of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency since August 1997 and was the Agency’s Project Director for the Yerba Buena Center Redevelopment Project Area (“YBC”) from April 1980 until August 1997. In all, she has served with the Agency since June 17, 1968, a total of 34 years.

2. As Deputy Executive Director for Program and Project Management, Ms. Sause oversaw the implementation of the Agency’s thirteen active redevelopment project areas and projects in all redevelopment survey areas throughout the City of San Francisco. As Project Director for the 87-acre, $2.5 billion YBC, Ms. Sause led the effort through most of the development of the large mixed-use project. As a part of her responsibilities, she oversaw construction of the Agency’s more than $150 million in public improvements and negotiated the sale and lease of large properties including hotel, retail, housing and office developments.

3. Yerba Buena Center, now known popularly as Yerba Buena Gardens, has been the recipient of a number of prestigious awards, including the highest accorded by such prestigious organizations as the Bruner Foundation, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (“NAHRO”) and the International Downtown Association.

4. Ms. Sause was a Founding Director of the Yerba Buena Alliance, the non-profit advocacy organization. She is a past Board Chair of the Episcopal Homes Foundation, a Board Member of the San Francisco Development Fund and a member and past President of NAHRO. Ms. Sause is also a member of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association and the Urban Land Institute, and is Vice-President of the Golden Gate Chapter of Lambda Alpha International, an honorary land economics society.

5. Prior to joining the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Ms. Sause was an Associate with the architecture/planning firm of Whisler-Patri Associates. She was also Deputy Director of the Seaside (California) Redevelopment Agency.
6. Helen L. Sause is an individual of vision, integrity, creativity, talent, tenacity and versatility. She is recognized internationally for her meaningful support and contributions to housing, redevelopment and land use.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its Commissioners, and employees, in recognition of the outstanding accomplishments of Helen L. Sause to the Yerba Buena Center Redevelopment Project Area, the Redevelopment Agency’s project areas and programs, and the City and County of San Francisco, does by this resolution, express the Agency’s appreciation for her many contributions and a sincere wish for success in her future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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