RESOLUTION NO. 123-2003

Adopted July 22, 2003

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO BARBARA E. AMATO UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. Barbara E. Amato, Development Specialist for the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") retired from the Agency on July 5, 2003, with more than 25 years of distinguished service.

2. Before joining the Agency, Ms. Amato served as an Economic Development Specialist during the administration of Mayor Joseph L. Alioto when San Francisco’s Downtown experienced tremendous growth.

3. Ms. Amato joined the Agency in February 1978 as a member the planning team working on the Northeastern Waterfront Survey Area. In a record 18-month period, while working in the site office in the Ferry Building, the Survey was successfully completed. Ms. Amato played a major role in the preparation of the Redevelopment Plan for the Rincon Point – South Beach Redevelopment Project Area and all the related documents that were adopted on January 5, 1981. The objective of the Plan was the complete and dramatic conversion of a 115-acre highly blighted industrial area into a new mixed income neighborhood. The preparation of the Redevelopment Plan was a joint undertaking of the Port of San Francisco, Department of City Planning and the Redevelopment Agency working with the Northeastern Waterfront Citizens Advisory Committee.

4. In 1981 Ms. Amato was promoted as Assistant Project Manager for the Rincon Point – South Beach Project Area. Shortly after the Plan adoption, the Agency implemented a bold program to construct the $36 million South Beach Harbor and public waterfront access. In return for this innovative public investment, over a billion dollars in private development was constructed in the Project area within the next ten years.

5. Ms. Amato served as Assistant Project Manager from 1981 to 1995 and was involved in the development of the South Beach Harbor and Park, construction of 2,500 dwelling units and 500,000 square feet of commercial development (Bayside Plaza, Rincon Center, South Beach Marina Apartments, Bayside Village, Delancey Street, Steamboat Point), and the rehabilitation of five historic buildings.
6. In 1995 Ms. Amato was appointed as Development Specialist in the Development Services Division. Ms Amato continued to play a key role in the very successful Rincon Point –South Beach Redevelopment Project including the construction of PacBell Baseball Park. Ms. Amato served as Development Specialist from 1995 to 2003. During that time she worked on Agency real estate transactions in Rincon Point - South Beach, the Hunters Point Shipyard, India Basin Industrial Park, Hunters Point, the Bayview Hunters Point Survey Area and the Western Addition A-2 Project.

7. Ms. Amato has performed with dedication and creativity. She is recognized for her enthusiastic vision of how the Agency can succeed and in her interactions with small business owners and community members during her 25 years of service with the Agency.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS 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, in recognition of the dedication, uniqueness and enthusiasm she has contributed to the City and County San Francisco and the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, does by this Resolution, express to Barbara E. Amato, its appreciation and acknowledgement of her achievements, and wishes her enjoyment in all her future activities.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Agency General Counsel