RESOLUTION NO. 62-2004

May 18, 2004

COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO WILLIAM CARNEY FOR HIS SERVICES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

BASIS OF RESOLUTION

1. William Carney has been the Agency’s Senior Project Manager for the South of Market Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area and the Yerba Buena Center Redevelopment Project Area since March, 1998. Prior to that he was the Project Manager for the Transbay Redevelopment Survey Area from 1996 to 1998. Prior to that he held a variety of positions at the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (the “Agency”) from CETA draftsperson to Senior Landscape Architect, for a total of 25 years of public service.

2. As Senior Project Manager for the South of Market Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area, Mr. Carney has helped establish an inventive approach to revitalizing one of the City’s highest needs neighborhoods, incrementally applying the tools and powers of redevelopment to improve conditions while minimizing disruptions to the existing community and urban fabric. At the core of this process, he has assisted in the development or rehabilitation of over 1,500 housing units, most of them affordable, while deploying Retail Revitalization and SRO Rehabilitation loan programs, enhancing neighborhood cultural and service facilities, implementing streetscape improvements and design guidelines, and facilitating the deliberations of an active Project Area Committee.

3. As Senior Project Manager for the 87-acre, $2.5 billion Yerba Buena Center, Mr. Carney has overseen the initiation and/or completion of numerous large-scale private and public developments, including the Paramount Residences, Eugene Coleman Senior Center, Westfield San Francisco Center, St. Regis Museum Tower, Jessie Square, and the Jessie Square Garage. He played key roles in the founding, design and development of Zeum and the Museum of the African Diaspora.

4. As Senior Landscape Architect, Mr. Carney formulated funding strategies, administered the programming and design contracts, and conducted public review of the Yerba Buena Gardens Esplanade, East Garden, Center for the Arts, Children’s Garden, Zeum, Ice and Bowling Center, and Child Development Center. In this process, he worked collegially with seven architectural and
landscape architectural design teams and nine artists in the creation of a superlative public environment.

5. The resulting Yerba Buena Gardens has received numerous awards, including the 1999 Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence gold medal.

6. At Hunters Point, India Basin, the Western Addition, South Beach and Transbay, Mr. Carney has devised unique urban design and landscape architectural solutions to enhance San Francisco’s quality of life and spirit of place, including the LaSalle Heights and Mariners Village Common Areas, Hunters View and Van Ness Avenue Urban Forestry Demonstration Plantings, Geary Boulevard Urban Design Improvements, South Beach Streetscape Master Plan, and Transbay 2020 Concept Plan.

7. Mr. Carney has also served as a member of the Board of Directors and President of San Francisco Friends of the Urban Forest, guiding that organization through difficult early years to become an abiding force for neighborhood empowerment and environmental improvement in the City.

8. Prior to joining the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency, Mr. Carney was Principal of his own environmental design and writing consultancy, Landscript Associates, which practice he now intends to resume.

9. William Carney is an individual of creativity, resourcefulness, tenacity, eloquence and quiet passion, widely recognized for his contributions to redevelopment, urban design and planning, landscape architecture, and poetry.

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 William Carney to the benefit of the South of Market Earthquake Recovery Redevelopment Project Area, the Yerba Buena Center Redevelopment Project Area, the Redevelopment Agency’s other project areas and programs, and the City and County of San Francisco, does by this resolution, express the Agency’s appreciation for his many contributions and a sincere wish for success in his future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Agency General Counsel