RESOLUTION NO. 154-2008

Adopted December 16, 2008

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE MAYOR’S OFFICE OF COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SF SHINES FAÇADE AND TENANT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, FROM JANUARY 1, 2009 TO DECEMBER 31, 2009, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $585,000 FOR THE THIRD STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR LOCATED IN THE BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $675,000 FOR THE FILLMORE STREET COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR IN THE WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA A-2, FOR A TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $1,260,000, SUBJECT TO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ APPROVAL OF THE AGENCY’S BUDGET AMENDMENT; BAYVIEW HUNTERS POINT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND WESTERN ADDITION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA A-2

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. The 2002 Bayview Hunters Point Revitalization Concept Plan (“Concept Plan”), the embodiment of the community’s planning process leading up to the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plan (“Redevelopment Plan”), discussed the immediate need for a façade improvement program for Third Street in the “Town Center.” In accordance with the Concept Plan’s vision, the Redevelopment Plan specifically describes and authorizes the development of façade and small business assistance programs for Project Area B in Section 3.5, Proposed Economic Development Programs.

2. The Mayor’s Office of Community Investment (“MOCI”), in collaboration with the Department of Economic and Workforce Development (“DEWD”), currently administers the City’s SF Shines Façade Improvement Program, a citywide program that provides grants and design assistance to property owners and merchants to improve facades, storefronts, and signs. The program targets economically distressed business corridors, including the Third Street Corridor in the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area.

3. In early 2008, the staffs of MOCI, DEWD and the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (“Agency”) began to develop a proposal whereby the Agency would cooperatively implement a façade and tenant improvement program for Third Street with MOCI as the primary administrator, and as part of the City’s larger implementation of the existing SF Shines Façade Improvement Program. The Third Street program would provide matching grants and design assistance to property owners and merchants to improve facades, storefronts, and signs as well as interior tenant improvements.
4. On September 2, 2008, the Commission authorized a Letter Agreement with MOCI in an amount not to exceed $585,000 for the administration of a façade and tenant improvement program for the Third Street commercial corridor as part of the larger citywide SF Shines Façade Improvement Program in the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area.

5. In accordance with the Agency's economic and development efforts in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2, Agency staff recommends a similar program along Fillmore Street in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2. MOCI would act as the primary administrator to provide a façade and tenant improvement program for the Fillmore Street commercial corridor.

6. Therefore, Agency staff recommends authorizing an Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with MOCI for the administration of a façade and tenant improvement grant program for the Third Street commercial corridor in an amount not to exceed $585,000 and for the administration of a façade and tenant improvement program in the Fillmore Street commercial corridor in an amount not to exceed $675,000, for a total aggregate amount not to exceed $1,260,000.

7. Disbursement of $675,000 for the façade and tenant improvement program in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2 pursuant to the Amended and Restated Letter Agreement is subject to the Board of Supervisors' approval of the Agency's budget amendment that the Commission adopted by Resolution No. 145-2008 (Dec. 9, 2008) and that reprograms funds for the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2 budget.

8. Authorization of the Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with MOCI is not a Project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5). The administration of the façade and tenant improvement programs by MOCI would not independently result in a significant physical effect on the environment. Construction activities and design services under the Third Street and Fillmore Street façade and tenant improvement programs are exempt from CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301(a) and 15262, respectively. The interior and exterior alterations of existing facilities will not expand existing uses and will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

RESOLUTION

 ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED by the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco that the Executive Director is authorized to execute the Amended and Restated Letter Agreement with the Mayor's Office of Community Investment, for the administration of the SF Shines Façade and Tenant Improvement Program, from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009, in an amount not to exceed $585,000 for the Third Street Commercial Corridor located in the Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area and in an amount not to exceed $675,000 for the Fillmore
Street Commercial Corridor in the Western Addition Redevelopment Project Area A-2, for a total aggregate amount not to exceed $1,260,000, subject to the Board of Supervisors' approval of the Agency's budget amendment, substantially in the form lodged with the Agency General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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James B. Morales 12/11/08
Agency General Counsel