RESOLUTION NO. 151-2010

Adopted December 14, 2010

AUTHORIZING A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO TO PROVIDE PLANNING DEPARTMENT SERVICES FOR THE MID-MARKET REDEVELOPMENT PLAN ADOPTION PROCESS, FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM WITH A ONE-YEAR OPTION TO EXTEND, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $96,000; MID-MARKET REDEVELOPMENT SURVEY AREA

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION

1. In 1995, the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco ("Board") designated the boundaries for the Mid-Market Redevelopment Survey Area pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law of the State of California (California Health & Safety Code Sections 33000 et seq.) ("CRL").

2. On September 18, 2003, the Planning Commission certified, by Motion No. 16657, and the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") certified, by Resolution No. 153-2003, the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA") and the CEQA Guidelines (14 California Code of Regulations Sections 15000 et seq.).

3. In 2005, both the Agency Commission and Planning Commission approved the Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan and recommended its adoption by the Board. The Mid-Market Redevelopment Plan was introduced but not adopted by the Board.

4. In January 2010, the Mayor announced the “Central Market Partnership,” a public/private initiative to renew and coordinate efforts to revitalize Central Market Street and the larger Mid-Market community through a focus on the arts, business development, and quality of life enhancement. In response to the Mayor’s request, the Agency is working closely with the community and other City agencies to reinitiate a formal redevelopment plan adoption process pursuant to CRL.

5. The redevelopment plan adoption process will require analysis of new information, and preparation, review, and consideration of a number of statutorily mandated documents. The process will also involve the preparation and circulation of an environmental impact report (“EIR”) for the proposed plan, which will require assistance from the Planning Department of the City and County of San Francisco (“Planning Department”).
6. Agency staff recommends entering into a letter agreement ("Letter Agreement") with the Planning Department to assist Agency staff with the redevelopment plan adoption process and environmental review of the proposed plan.

7. The Letter Agreement for Planning Department services provides for environmental assessment services, historic resources survey review, and plan adoption support and is exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15262.

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 a Letter Agreement with the Planning Department of the City and County of San Francisco, in an amount not to exceed $96,000, for a term of two years, with a one-year option to extend, to provide Planning Department services for the plan adoption process for the Mid-Market Redevelopment Survey Area, substantially in the form lodged with the Agency General Counsel.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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