

**COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-2019**

*Adopted August 6, 2019*

**COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO  
DARSHAN SINGH  
FOR HIS SERVICES UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS DEPARTURE FROM HIS POSITION AS  
COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMISSION ON COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**BASIS OF RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS, Since 1995, Darshan Singh has served with distinction as a Commissioner of the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco (“Redevelopment Agency”) and a Commissioner of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency (commonly known as the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure); and,
- WHEREAS, Mayor Frank Jordan first appointed him to the Redevelopment Agency Commission in October 1995 and subsequent Mayors, including Willie L. Brown, Jr., Gavin Newsom, and Edwin M. Lee, reappointed him. Commissioner Singh continuously served on the Redevelopment Agency Commission for over sixteen (16) years until the State of California dissolved redevelopment agencies on February 1, 2012; and,
- WHEREAS, After redevelopment dissolution, the City and County of San Francisco established, by Ordinance No. 215-12 (Oct. 4, 2012), the Successor Agency Commission to act in the place of the former Redevelopment Agency Commission and to review and approve all actions related to the completion of redevelopment projects. Darshan Singh was one of the first appointees to the newly-formed Successor Agency Commission, where he served for six and one-half years until April 2019 when Mayor London Breed asked him to serve on the Human Services Commission; and,
- WHEREAS, Darshan Singh has served a total of twenty-two and one-half (22½) years on the Redevelopment Agency and Successor Agency Commissions. During his tenure, Mr. Singh’s colleagues on the Commission elected him as Commission President on several occasions. He presided over Commission meetings with fairness, efficiency, and diplomacy. As a Commissioner, he rarely missed a meeting and was always respectful of staff and public, even when the Commission considered controversial and difficult matters; and,
- WHEREAS, In his many years of public service on the Commission, Mr. Singh oversaw the completion of several older redevelopment project areas, including the Yerba Buena Center and the Western Addition A-2 areas. He also supported, and the Commission adopted, numerous redevelopment plans and specific development projects. With Mr. Singh’s oversight and approval, the Agency adopted the Hunters Point Shipyard, Mission Bay North, Mission Bay South, Transbay, and Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Plans. Certain development agreements associated with these plans survived redevelopment dissolution and commit the City and Successor Agency to continue to use tax increment financing, zoning powers, and other authority to create positive changes in blighted areas where tens of thousands of San Franciscans will live and work; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Singh also approved major amendments to redevelopment plans, including the expansion of the Rincon Point-South Beach Project Area to provide land for the construction of the San Francisco Giants' ballpark, the expansion of the Yerba Buena Center to include the restoration of the historic Emporium site and development of the Westfield mall on Market Street, and the reprogramming of the Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point Project Areas to include over 12,000 housing units, 4.6 million square feet of commercial development, and 360 acres of open space; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Singh was steadfastly committed to increasing opportunities for minority and women-owned business enterprises in redevelopment projects. He frequently asked pointed questions at public hearings about the level of minority and small business participation in projects seeking Commission approval. For many years, Mr. Singh served, along with his colleague and friend Leroy King, on the Working Group, a committee created by the Commission and composed of private business and contractor representatives, staff, and public members seeking to improve and implement effectively the Agency's preferences for small, minority-owned, and women-owned businesses in redevelopment projects; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Singh has also held other public offices serving the City and State, including positions on the San Francisco Parking and Traffic Commission in the administration of Mayor Art Agnos, the California Prison Industry Board, and the California Economic Development Commission; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Singh's presence on the Successor Agency Commission will be greatly missed by those having business before the Commission, the public generally, and his fellow Commissioners and Agency staff. His legacy includes the funding of thousands of affordable housing units, the creation of numerous construction and permanent jobs, and the specific development projects that have improved, and will continue to improve, the economic vitality, urban landscape, and quality of life in San Francisco; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Successor Agency Commission of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of the past and present Commissioners, Executive Directors, and Employees of both the Redevelopment Agency and the Successor Agency, recognizes Darshan Singh's significant public service and hereby expresses its sincerest appreciation and best wishes to him in all of his future endeavors.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting of August 6, 2019.

  
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Commission Secretary