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Disapprove certification of New M.H. de Young Museum EIR]

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Motion disapproving the certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the

New M.H. de Young Museum Development Project located at 75 Tea Garden Drive by the Planning Commission.

WHEREAS, The New M.H. de Young Museum (the "Project") is proposed to be constructed at the museum's existing site at 75 Tea Garden Drive in the Music Concourse of Golden Gate Park, Lot 1 in Assessor's Block 1700, after demolition of the eight existing buildings comprising the M.H. de Young Museum and the Asian Art Museum and relocation of the Asian Art Museum to its new facility in the City's Civic Center; and,

WHEREAS, The Corporation of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco submitted its application for environmental review of the proposed New de Young Museum on July 12, 1999 (City Planning File No. 1999.455E); and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department for the City and County of San Francisco (the "Department") determined that an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on May 6, 2000; and

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2000, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("DEIR") for the Project; and

WHEREAS, On August 24, 2000, the Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on the DEIR, at which time opportunity for public comment was received on the DEIR, and written comments were received through August 24, 2000; and

WHEREAS, The Department prepared responses to comments received at the public hearing on the DEIR and submitted in writing to the Department, prepared revisions to the text

of the DEIR and published a Draft Summary of Comments and Responses on November 22, 2000; and

WHEREAS, A Final Environmental Impact Report ("FEIR") for the Project was prepared by the Department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available and the Draft Summary of Comments and Responses, all as required by law; and

WHEREAS, On December 7, 2000, the Commission reviewed and considered the FEIR and, by Motion No. 16039, found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized and reviewed complied with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the State CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code; and

WHEREAS, By Motion No. 16039, the Commission found the FEIR to be adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent judgment and analysis of the Department and the Commission and that the Summary of Comments and Responses contained no significant revisions to the DEIR, adopted findings relating to significant impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the FEIR in compliance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, A challenge to the FEIR and the process by which the FEIR was certified was brought and the San Francisco Superior Court issued a Writ of Mandamus on August 2, 2001 requiring the Board of Supervisors to hear an appeal of the FEIR in compliance with CEQA; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on August 20, 2001 to review the decision by the Planning Commission to certify the FEIR; and

WHEREAS, the FEIR files and other Project-related Department files have been available for review by this Board of Supervisors and the public, and those files are part of the record before this Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and considered the FEIR and heard testimony and received public comment regarding the adequacy of the FEIR; now, therefore, be it MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors disapproves the certification of the FEIR by

the Planning Commission.



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August 20, 2001 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Daly, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Newsom,

Peskin

Absent: 2 - Sandoval, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on August 20, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young

Clerk of the Board