

## **Resolution Urging the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to Expedite Development of Affordable Housing on Parcel K and Other Former Central Freeway Parcels**

WHEREAS in November 1999 San Francisco voters approved Proposition I to replace the Central Freeway with Octavia Boulevard, including Patricia's Green, which also mandated that 22 "Excess Central Freeway Parcels" be used exclusively for mixed use housing to include "affordable rental and/or ownership housing" consistent with the Market/Octavia Plan,

WHEREAS affordable housing is critical for diversity and economic well-being within the Market and Octavia Plan Area,

WHEREAS the Market and Octavia Plan sets forth several land use policies and objectives that include: "Objective 2.1, Require development of mixed-use residential infill on the former freeway parcels"; "Policy 2.1.1, Develop the Central Freeway parcels with mixed-use, mixed-income (especially low income) housing; and "Objective 2.4, Provide increased housing opportunities affordable to households at varying income levels",

WHEREAS per the Market/Octavia Citizen's Advisory Committee Mission Statement a primary charge of the MOCAC includes providing advice "regarding the implementation of the Market/Octavia Plan" and providing "continuity over the life of the plan and long term oversight and guidance on developments in the plan area consistent with the MOP's spirit and objectives",

WHEREAS nearly 20 years since the Central Freeway was demolished five of the former freeway parcels including Parcels K, L, M, Q & R on the east side of Octavia Boulevard remain undeveloped,

WHEREAS in or about 2003 one of these sites, Parcel K at Hayes and Octavia Streets was purchased by the former San Francisco Redevelopment Agency with affordable housing funds for the development of 100% affordable housing,

WHEREAS with the subsequent dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency ownership of Parcel K transferred to the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD), which leased the parcel for temporary uses until the construction of the affordable housing on that site commenced,

WHEREAS on March 20, 2023 MOHAC reported to this body that an RFQ for development of the affordable housing on Parcel Q was imminent but would be issued by end of August/early September 2023 at the latest,

WHEREAS the issuance of that RFQ has been put on hold indefinitely without any timeline as to when MOHCD intends to issue it,

WHEREAS in order to meet it's Housing Element goals under State mandate, by 2031 San Francisco must plan for some 82,000 new homes, 46,000 of which must be affordable,

WHEREAS it's estimated that Parcel K could support upwards of 100 affordable housing units,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Market and Octavia Community Advisory Committee (MOCAC) urges the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development to immediately expedite the issuance of an RFQ for the development of 100% affordable housing on Parcel K,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MOCAC urges MOHAC to expedite the construction of housing, preferably affordable, on the remaining four vacant former freeway parcels,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Mayor Breed and MOHCD as well as forwarded to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, State Senator Scott Wiener and State Assembly Representatives Matt Haney and Philip Ting.