

SAN FRANCISCO
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RESOLUTION No. 170718-094

WHEREAS, Sections 36600 et seq. of the California Streets and Highways Code, and Article 15 of the San Francisco Business and Tax Regulations Code establish the requirements and process for the formation and administration of property and business improvement districts, including Community Benefit Districts (CBDs); and,

WHEREAS, Due to limited government resources, there is support in the Lower Polk neighborhood for exploring new ways to fund cleaning, greening, beautifying, marketing, promoting and maintaining a vibrant and inviting community; and,

WHEREAS, The Japantown CBD Steering Committee, consisting of a broad range of members from various businesses, private entities and residents in the Lower Polk area proposes to form a CBD; and,

WHEREAS, The Steering Committee has developed a CBD Management District Plan that identifies community challenges and priorities, proposed projects and services, annual assessments for each parcel, a budget, and a plan for administration of the CBD; and,

WHEREAS, Formation of the CBD will benefit numerous property owners and residents by improving community livability and strengthening economic vibrancy in the Japantown area; and,

WHEREAS, The Japan Center Garage owned by the SFMTA is located within the proposed CBD boundaries and would be subject to annual assessments, and the total assessment for the first year of operation (Fiscal Year 2017-2018) would be \$52,017.36; and,


WHEREAS, Formation of the CBD will result in cleaner sidewalks, enhanced safety, improved streetscapes and additional marketing that will benefit the Garage as well as the community; and,

WHEREAS, On June 19, 2017, the SFMTA, under authority delegated by the Planning Department, determined that the vote in favor of establishing a Japantown CBD is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 15060(c) and 15378(b); and,

WHEREAS, A copy of the CEQA determination is on file with the Secretary to the SFMTA Board of Directors and is incorporated herein by reference; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors authorizes the Director of Transportation submit a ballot on behalf of the SFMTA in favor of the formation of the proposed Japantown Community Benefits District.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors at its meeting of July 18, 2017.

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Secretary to the Board of Directors
San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency