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HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING AMENDMENT TO THE GUIDE TO PRESERVING THE
CHARACTER OF THE NAVAL AIR STATION ALAMEDA HISTORIC DISTRICT TO
INCLUDE EXTERIOR PAINT GUIDELINES FOR EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE NAS
ALAMEDA HISTORIC DISTRICT

WHEREAS, in 1996, the United States Navy (Navy), in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, completed an assessment of the historic resources at Naval Air Station Alameda (NAS Alameda) and determined that although none of the individual buildings were eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), a district of 86 buildings did qualify as a historic district eligible for the NRHP (Historic District); and

WHEREAS, in 1999, in compliance with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Navy for preservation of the Historic District, the City Council of the City of Alameda (City Council) adopted a resolution adding the Historic District to the City of Alameda Historical and Cultural Monument List, which affords the Historic District all of the protections provided by the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance (Section 13-21 of the Alameda Municipal Code); and

WHEREAS, in 1999, in compliance with the MOA, the City Council also adopted the *Guide to Preserving the Character of the Naval Air Station Alameda Historic District (Guide)*, which consists of design guidelines for alterations to historic properties at the former NAS Alameda; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the hangars at the former NAS Alameda have been rejuvenated by a cluster of artisan distilleries, urban wineries, clean tech and advanced manufacturing companies, and an athletic club; and

WHEREAS, the facilities are increasingly becoming major regional visitor attractions and employment centers; and

WHEREAS, these companies have made significant capital improvements to the interior of their buildings to re-purpose them for contemporary uses, the exterior of the buildings have remained largely unaltered since NAS Alameda was decommissioned in 1998, and have deteriorated with fading and peeling paint; and

WHEREAS, many of the tenants at NAS Alameda have expressed strong interest in painting the exterior of their buildings, at their own expense, and the *Guide* primarily focuses on structural elements with no direction for repainting the buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Advisory Board of the City of Alameda (HAB) held a public hearing on May 7, 2015, and has examined the pertinent maps, drawings, and documents; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the Alameda Point Project, certified on February 4, 2014, satisfies environmental review for this action pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the HAB has made the following findings regarding the Exterior Paint Guidelines for Existing Buildings in the NAS Alameda Historic District:

1. The Exterior Paint Guidelines recognizes that the cohesive architectural design of the Historic District as its character-defining element and manages the buildings as a group.
2. The Exterior Paint Guidelines provides color options that are complementary to the Streamline Moderne architectural style of the Historic District.
3. The Exterior Paint Guidelines provides a color scheme for the four sub-areas of the Historic District, as identified by the *Guide*, to strengthen the identity of each sub-area.
4. The Exterior Paint Guidelines are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards by reinforcing proper treatment, reuse, and rehabilitation of the buildings in the Historic District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT by the HAB that the City of Alameda amend the *Guide to Preserving the Character of the Naval Air Station Historic District* to include Exterior Paint Guidelines for Existing Buildings in the NAS Alameda Historic District.