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Community Benefits Agreement for Hunters Point Shipyard-Candlestick Point Hailed as Model for Responsible Development

San Francisco, California (June 2, 2010) – A community benefits agreement included in the redevelopment and revitalization of Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point sets a new national standard for responsible and sustainable development, according to a report issued by the University of California, Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education.

The report, authored by Center Chair Ken Jacobs, notes that the community benefits agreement “can be expected to serve as a model for community/environmental/labor coalitions around the country for years to come.” The agreement more than doubles the affordable housing requirement for a typical development, according to the report.

The agreement is part of a multi-year redevelopment of Hunters Point Shipyard and Candlestick Point that will create 10,500 new homes, establish more than 300 acres of new parks and open space, rebuild the Alice Griffiths Housing Development and preserve a stadium option for the San Francisco 49ers.

The project’s benefits to the community include:

- The pricing of more than 30 percent of new housing at below-market rates.
- \$27 million for a fund that will further develop affordable housing and assist community residents in purchasing a home.
- \$8.5 million for workforce development and guarantees for local hiring and jobs that pay a living wage.

“San Francisco’s labor community helped negotiate this ground-breaking agreement and we should all take pride in a contract that truly raises the bar for accountable development and public benefit,” said Conny Ford with the San Francisco Labor Council. “The Community Benefits Agreement offers jobs, opportunity and progress to residents of Bayview-Hunters Point and the working men and women of the Bay Area. It will also help set a high standard for development in other parts of the country.”

The Community Benefits Agreement is a legally binding document, enforced under a voter-approved initiative passed in 2008. The project's land use entitlements will be considered Thursday by the San Francisco Planning and Redevelopment Commissions.

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