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## FINAL SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS' PROPOSED MISSION BAY EVENT CENTER INCLUDES KEY NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS

Neighborhood leaders, UCSF & biotech community endorse project; Commission to consider certification November 3, 2015

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—Today the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (OCII), the lead agency responsible for administering the environmental review for projects in Mission Bay, released the Responses to Comments document on the Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR) for the proposed Golden State Warriors Event Center and Mixed-Use Development in Mission Bay. The three volumes of the 2,000-page Responses to Comments document, together with the previously released Draft SEIR, comprise the Final EIR. All six volumes can now be downloaded at <a href="http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1828">http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1828</a>

The Final EIR reflects the many detailed discussions with neighborhood stakeholders, includes written responses to all comments received and incorporates vital project improvements, particularly as they relate to transportation. These improvements further reduce or avoid environmental impacts and include:

- (a) a first-in-the-nation Local/Hospital Access Plan to ensure access to Mission Bay for residents and neighboring businesses but especially patient and staff access to the University of California San Francisco hospital;
- (b) an increase in the number of Parking Control Officers (including more than currently serve AT&T Park, a venue more than twice the size) to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic and to address neighborhood concerns;
- (c) purchase of four new light rail vehicles, capital improvements to the T-Third light rail line and introduction of an ordinance at the Board of Supervisors dedicating project-generated revenues to fully fund the costs of all transit, traffic enforcement and public safety services surrounding the arena, improving public services in this growing neighborhood and creating a Mission Bay Transportation Improvement Fund and a neighborhood Advisory Committee to administer it;

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- (d) refined analysis of two satellite parking lots on Port property south of Mission Bay; and
- (e) a project variant to construct a center boarding platform with crossover tracks to increase T-Third transit capacity and safety and reduce the walking distance to the arena and hospital.

That is why on October 6, 2015 the University of California San Francisco endorsed the project; on October 8, 2015, the Mission Bay Citizens Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the project; and on October 20, 2015 the Mission Bay life science community, represented by thirteen of the largest biotech companies in San Francisco, officially supported the project.

"We have reached another important milestone on the path to bringing the world champion Golden State Warriors home to San Francisco," said Mayor Ed Lee. "The quality and attention to detail in this document demonstrate the commitment of the City, the Warriors, UCSF and the community to ensure the arena works for everyone."

"I am proud of this document and the work of OCII staff, which I believe exemplifies the highest standards of design, environmental stewardship, thorough review and comprehensive consideration of public input," said Tiffany Bohee, Executive Director of OCII. "I look forward to our Commission's consideration of this document and attention to public comment on November 3<sup>rd</sup>."

The environmental review process for the arena project began in April 2014 when the Warriors announced the move to Mission Bay. Since that time, OCII issued a Notice of Preparation on November 19, 2014, held a public scoping meeting on December 9, 2014, published a Draft SEIR on June 5, 2015 and held a public hearing to accept oral comments on the Draft SEIR on June 30, 2015. The public comment period for the Draft SEIR ended on July 27, 2015.

The OCII Commission will hold a public hearing on November 3, 2015 at City Hall, Room 416 to consider the adequacy of the Final SEIR. If the OCII Commission finds that the Final SEIR complies with the California Environmental Quality Act, it will certify the Final SEIR. The OCII Commission will then consider the information in the certified Final SEIR in taking approval actions on the project, including, among other actions, approvals of a new Major Phase for Blocks 29-32, approvals of the Combined Basic Concept and Schematic Designs for the project, amendments to the Mission Bay South Design for Development, and conditions of approval.