

SAN FRANCISCO  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
RESOLUTION NO. 11595

JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AND RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION ADOPTING CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT SHADOWS IN FOURTEEN DOWNTOWN PARKS WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO BEING SHADOWED BY NEW DEVELOPMENT AND DECLARING THE INTENTION TO APPLY THESE CRITERIA REGARDING SHADOW IMPACTS PRIOR TO CONSIDERATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STRUCTURE THAT WOULD SHADOW A PROTECTED PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, The people of the City and County of San Francisco in June 1984 adopted an initiative ordinance, commonly known as Proposition K; and

WHEREAS, Proposition K requires that the City Planning Commission disapprove any building permit application authorizing the construction of any structure that will have any adverse impact on the use of property under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department because of the shading or shadowing that it will cause, unless it is determined that the impact would be insignificant; and

WHEREAS, Proposition K provides that the City Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission shall adopt criteria for the implementation of that ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Proposition K can most effectively be implemented by analyzing properties in the City protected by that legislation which could be shadowed by new development, the current patterns of use of such properties, how such properties might be used in the future including considerations of possible future design and redevelopment of the property, and the various shadowing that could be created by various structures, including the amount of shadowing, the duration, and location; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission and Recreation and Park Commission endorsed the submission by the Department of City Planning to the Mayor of a request for a supplemental appropriation in order to fund an analysis of properties that could be shadowed by new development (Resolution No. 13887); and

WHEREAS, A contract was awarded to the University of California at Berkeley's College of Environmental Design to develop a computerized system which could analyze existing shadow conditions on Proposition K properties and provide information to these Commissions necessary to establish rules or guidelines delineating the type of shadowing that can be determined to be significant or insignificant; and

WHEREAS, a computerized system of analysis was developed and used to analyze existing shadow conditions on fourteen downtown parks under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Department; and

WHEREAS, The information developed by this computer analysis was then evaluated jointly by the staffs at the Department of City Planning and the Recreation and Park Department; and

WHEREAS, Recommendations for determinations of significant new shadows based on these staff evaluations were presented jointly to the Commissions in October and November of 1987; and

WHEREAS, Additional presentations were made to both Commissions in 1988 and 1989; and

WHEREAS, A duly advertised public hearing was held on these recommendations; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the criteria and the staff proposal for consideration by both Commissions presented in the memorandum to the Planning Commission and the Recreation and Park Commission dated February 3, 1989 regarding "Proposition K -- The Sunlight Ordinance" and describing criteria for determining significance be adopted as rules and guidelines for the determinations of significant shadows for the fourteen downtown parks analyzed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission on February 7, 1989.

Lori Yamauchi  
Secretary

AYES	Commissioners Bierman, Dick, Engmann, Hu, Johnson, Morales and Tom
NOES	None
ABSENT	None
ADOPTED	February 7, 1989

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