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From: Courtney [mailto:cdamkroger@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination, 953 Treat Avenue (APN 3639/028) Planning Department Case 2015-006510CUA/VAR

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

Attached please find my comment letter regarding 953 Treat for the meeting today, April 25, 2017.

Thank you,

Courtney Damkroger

April 24, 2017

Board President London Breed
Members of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination, 953 Treat Avenue (APN 3639/028)
Planning Department Case 2015-006510CUA/VAR

Dear President Breed and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of the appeal of the CEQA Exemption Determination for the historic home at 953 Treat Avenue. I am a former Vice President of the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission, former Historic Preservation Officer for the City of San Jose and was also a long time staff member of the San Francisco office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In supporting the appeal, it is not my intention to prevent the proposed project but rather to encourage the retention, preservation and reuse of the existing building while allowing for new construction to address the current project objectives.

953 Treat is significant under criteria 1 and 2 of the California Register of Historic Resources—for its contributions to history and association with a person of historic significance. Both the 2010 Mission Historic Resources Survey and an assessment by Katherine Petrin, Architectural Historian, find the building eligible for the California Register. Demolition of the building or alteration that is not in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards would require environmental review under CEQA.

The feasibility of retaining 953 Treat in full while also adding new construction is an opportunity that is not always present in development proposals involving historic resources. This 130-year-old resource retains surprisingly substantial integrity. At a time when so many are bemoaning the seemingly daily loss of historic and cultural fabric in San Francisco, why would we want to tear down an historically significant building that could continue to serve as a link to our past, enrich our streetscape, contribute to a potential historic district, and enliven a new housing development?

I urge you to grant the appeal and support retention and reuse of 953 Treat.

Sincerely,

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