

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[General Plan Amendment - Chinese Hospital Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco General Plan Policy 1.2 and Map 1 of the Chinatown Area Plan to facilitate development of the Chinese Hospital Replacement Project at 835 and 845 Jackson Street (Assessor's Block No. 0192, Lot No. 041); and creating findings, including environmental findings and findings of consistency with the General Plan and Planning Code sections 101.1 and 340.

Existing Law

835 and 845 Jackson Street (Block 0192, Lot 041) are on the south side of Jackson Street, between Powell and Stockton Streets in Chinatown. The properties are within the Chinatown Area Plan of the San Francisco General Plan.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation would amend the San Francisco General Plan's Chinatown Area Plan, Policy 1.2. This policy reads: "Promote a building form that harmonizes with the scale of existing buildings and width of Chinatown's streets." The amendment exempts properties within the newly created Chinatown Special Use District from this policy's urban design guidelines.

The proposed legislation would also amend Map 1 of the Chinatown Area Plan to reference a height limit of 110 feet within the newly created Chinatown Special Use District (Block 0192, Lot 041).

Background Information

The Chinese Hospital proposes to replace the buildings located at 835 Jackson Street (the 1924-era original hospital building, now used for administration and outpatient services and the related parking structure) with a new eight-story hospital and to convert the existing hospital at 845 Jackson Street to a medical center use with outpatient clinic services.