



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Certificate of Determination Exemption from Environmental Review

Case No.: 2011.1209E
 Project Title: BOS 111078: India Basin Industrial Park Map Amendment
 Zoning: PDR-2 (Production, Distribution, and Repair) Use District
 40-X Height and Bulk District
 Block/Lot: 5211/028-054
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project is a proposed ordinance (Board File No. 111078) proposed by Supervisor Cohen that would: (1) amend San Francisco Planning Code Section 249.42 (India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District) to allow outpatient medical care clinic as a principally permitted use if the gross floor area is less than 15,000 square feet (sq.ft.) and require Conditional Use authorization where such use would be 15,000 sq.ft or greater; (2) amend Zoning Map Sheet 8 to add parcels in Block No. 5211, Lot No. 28 through 54 to the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District; and (3) remove the parcel Block 5211, Lot No. 28 through 54 from the Design and Development Special Use District.

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EXEMPT STATUS:

General Rule Exclusion (State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15061(b)(3)).

REMARKS:

See next page.

DETERMINATION:

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and Local requirements.


 Bill Wycko

Environmental Review Officer


 Date

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued):

The underlying zoning for the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District and the parcels listed above would still remain PDR-2. This area is generally bound by Third Street, Cargo Way, Quint Street, and Custer Avenue in the Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood. The proposed ordinance would allow a child abuse prevention center and center for youth wellness to be located in the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District on the subject property Block 5211, Lot No. 28 through 54. The subject property contains existing commercial buildings improved with five buildings totaling approximately 100,000 square feet. There is a proposal for the child abuse prevention center to occupy two office tenant spaces of one of the front buildings on the subject property, totaling 22,000 square feet. No formal applications have been submitted to the Planning Department for this project, and any proposal for the child abuse prevention center would require further environmental review.

REMARKS:

Land Use: The subject parcels (Block No. 5211, Lot No. 28 through 54) are in the PDR-2 (Production, Distribution, and Repair) Use District. The proposed ordinance would amend San Francisco Planning Code Section 249.42 (India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District) to allow outpatient medical care clinic as a principally permitted use if the gross floor area is less than 15,000 sq.ft. and require Conditional Use authorization where such a use would be 15,000 sq.ft or greater. The project would also add parcels in Block No. 5211, Lot Nos. 28 through 54 to the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District; and remove the parcel Block 5211, Lot Nos. 28 through 54 from the Design and Development Special Use District. Table 1 compares the permitted uses of the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District to the Design and Development Special Use District for the subject property.

Table 1: Permitted and Conditional Uses Permitted in the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District Compared to the Design and Development Special Use District

Use	Subject Lot As Is generally PDR-2 + Design and Development SUD	Subject Lot As Proposed PDR-2 + India Basin Industrial Park SUD as amended
Retail	P under 2,500 for entire lot; NP above 2,500	Permitted up to 5,999 per establishment, CU 6,000 and above
Office	Permitted if meets FAR and other restrictions	Permitted with cap of 50K
Social Services	P under 5,000 per establishment; NP above 5,000	Permitted without square footage limitation
Day Care	Not Permitted	Permitted without square footage limitation
Medical,	P under 5,000 per	Permitted up to 15,000; CU above 15,000

Psychiatric, and other Healing Arts Clinic	establishment	
Parking Provision	No different than PDR-2: parking requirements / minimums apply	Parking not required. Accessory amounts determined by Sec .151.
Development Standards (i.e. height, bulk, etc.)		[no change]

The proposed ordinance would widen the permitted uses in the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District and on the subject property. However, the underlying zoning of PDR-2 would remain. Therefore, the proposed ordinance would not result in the permanent conversion of industrial lands to other uses or result in land use conflicts. The proposed ordinance would not create a new or substantially more intensive use than what presently exists in the project vicinity, nor substantially alter the development potential or pattern in this area. Therefore, the proposed ordinance would not physically divide an established community or conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation, and would not have a substantial impact upon the existing character of the vicinity. For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in a significant effect on land use.

Because the physical development of the subject property or the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District would not change as a result of the proposed ordinance, there would be no environmental impacts from this change. The proposed child abuse prevention center would be located within an existing commercial building and would not result in any physical development. Additionally, the child abuse prevention center and any future development proposal for the subject lot would require additional environmental review.

Transportation: The proposed project would allow outpatient medical care clinics in the India Basin Special Use District; and remove the parcel Block 5211, Lot No. 28 through 54 from the Design and Development Special Use District and add it to the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District. Table 1 compares the permitted uses for the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District to the Design and Development Special Use District. The proposed project would result in a minimal increase of daily person and vehicle trips because the medical outpatient clinic would result in similar trip generation rates to the existing permitted uses within the PDR-2 and India Special Use District. Additionally, any proposal for development within the India Basin Industrial Park Special Use District or the subject property would be subject to environmental review. Thus, the proposed rezoning would not substantially affect the neighborhood’s existing transportation and circulation conditions.

Neighborhood Concerns: A "Notification of Project Receiving Environmental Review" was mailed on November 10, 2011, to community organizations, potentially interested parties, tenants of the affected property and properties adjacent to the subject property, and those persons who

own property within 300 feet of the subject property requesting comments concerning the potential environmental effects of this project. One commenter requested further notification of the proposal. None of these comments address the environmental impacts of the proposed project.

Conclusion: CEQA State Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) provides an exemption from environmental review where it can be seen with certainty that the proposed project would not have a significant impact on the environment. As discussed above, the project would not result in significant environmental effects. Thus, the proposed project is appropriately exempt from environmental review under the General Rule Exclusion (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)).