

1 [Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Exemption Determination for the 1111 California
2 Street (Nob Hill Masonic Center) Project]

3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the exemption**
4 **determination by the Planning Department that the project located at 1111 California**
5 **Street (Nob Hill Masonic Center) is exempt from environmental review.**
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8 WHEREAS, On or about January 18, 2010, the Planning Department determined that a
9 proposal to change the existing non-conforming entertainment to "Other Entertainment," add
10 permanent food and beverage service, and make interior alterations to the auditorium and
11 other interior spaces to the property located at 1111 California Street (the "Project") was
12 exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"),
13 the CEQA Guidelines and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 31 as a Class 32
14 categorical exemption, an "in-fill" development project (the "exemption determination"). By
15 letters to the Clerk of the Board, David Millstein, on behalf of Lee Saylor; and Amy Harmer,
16 Richard Hanson, William Terrell, Adria Price, Aldo Caccamo, David Chow, Donna Muse, and
17 Elizabeth Pomada (collectively, "Appellants"), received by the Clerk's Office on or around April
18 5, 2010, appealed the exemption determination; and

19 WHEREAS, On May 4, 2010, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider
20 the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellants, and following the public hearing
21 reversed the exemption determination; and

22 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board
23 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letters, the responses to
24 concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before
25 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to

1 the exemption determination appeal. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the
2 Board of Supervisors reversed the exemption determination for the Project based on the
3 written record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public
4 hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal. The written record and oral testimony in
5 support of and opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the
6 public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and
7 opposed to the appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of
8 Supervisors File No. _____ and in the Planning Department files, which are
9 available for public review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission
10 Street, and are incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the
13 findings specifying the basis for its decision on the appeal of the exemption determination
14 issued by the Planning Department for the Project.

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