


From: [Beth Silvestri \(via Google Docs\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Support to the BOS Re: 2651-53 Octavia
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 8:49:10 PM

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 Letter of Support to the BOS Re: 2651-53 Octavia

Snapshot of the item below:

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlet Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My husband and I were homeowners in 94123 (District 7) since we purchased our first home on Bay Street in 1992, and our second home on Baker Street in 1998. As owners of houses built in the 1920s, we took on the big task to structurally upgrade and remodel the properties; construction projects I greatly enjoyed. I found it reasonable to work with the SF Planning Department. We loved remodeling(!), living, working, and raising our three children in The City.

We then moved to Marin County with the intention of moving back to The City after the pandemic. It is my plan to find another home in need of TLC and spend the next 30+ years back in my hometown. However, when I hear of the difficulty the owners of 2651-53 Octavia Street have experienced for the past 2 ½ years with their proposed project, I think twice about returning to San Francisco.

The remodel plans for 2651-53 Octavia meet all California and San Francisco laws, codes, and design guidelines. The proposed remodel project was designed to protect the character of the adjacent building, the historic Golden Gate Valley Library. The owners undertook an extensive shade study performed by Symphysis for various dates of the year, times of day and conditions of sky. After examining the illumination and shade reports, it does not appear that the library lighting will be adversely impacted by the remodel. The beautiful library can continue to benefit from its use of daylight and electrical lights, plus the window shades are easily adjusted to patron needs.

I urge you to **deny the appeal** and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the SF Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. I **support** the owner and project sponsor of 2651-53 Octavia in the Appeal hearing on April 20, 2021. (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

The property will be improved by the remodel and the patrons of San Francisco will enjoy the Golden Gate Valley Library in the same capacity as they do today. Thank you for your reasonable consideration of this proposed reasonable project at 2651-53 Octavia.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Silvestri
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From: [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter in Support of Appeal Overturning the CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:46:33 PM

From: Ellen Kiyomizu <ellenkiyomizu@scorch.biz>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:43 PM
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Cc: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>; Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <angela.calvillo@sfgov.org>; Lew, Lisa (BOS) <lisa.lew@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter in Support of Appeal Overturning the CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination

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Re: 2651-2653 Octavia Street; Block 0553 Lot 002; Permit Number 201808036405; Board of Supervisors File # 210275

April 15, 2021

Dear Chairman Walton and the SF Board of Supervisors:

I have been a San Francisco resident for nearly 35 years as well as a San Francisco small business owner since 2006. I have been very disappointed when city leadership 'vote' in favor of private interests & developers which, step by step, erodes the quality of life of the tax paying individuals who live and work here. I am writing [IN SUPPORT of the Golden Gate Valley Library Friends Appellant group](#), - a group of concerned SF residents seeking to protect the Golden Gate Valley branch of SFPL from a private development project which will cause irreparable harm to the library's character defining main reading room by reducing light entering the windows and reaching the solar panels.

1. The GGV branch of SFPL is the crown jewel of the 7 Carnegie libraries in SF and a historic architectural gem of the community. The grand scale of the library's reading room was designed in 1918 with windows on all sides, clearly intending to maximize light into the main

reading room. The Carnegie foundation specifically stipulated that sites for its libraries be chosen such that *“The site chosen should be such as to admit lite (sic) on all sides”*

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1. As it stands, the residential building at 2651-2653 Octavia already blocks natural light into the Library’s south-facing windows. This problem cannot be compounded, as it cannot be overstated how critical the quality of natural light is to any library, especially one over a century old.
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3. In addition, significant shading cast onto the arrays of the solar panels directly above the south-facing windows will render them ineffective, cutting off the renewable energy supply and increasing the library’s carbon footprint.
4. Daylight Impact and Shading Impact reports commissioned by the Planning Department reveal a number of methodological and interpretation inconsistencies. The Appellant group has had 5 internationally recognized professional experts independently analyze the reports. Experts have been consistent in their interpretations and concerns that the project as proposed will have a negative impact on the library
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We should think very carefully before we allow a size and volume expansion of a private residence to have a negative impact on a treasured, historic PUBLIC asset belonging to all San Franciscans.

Private developers should not be allowed to negatively impact historic public resources for personal gain.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to seriously consider the evidence from all these professional experts which refute the Planning Department’s assertion of “minimal” impact of the proposed project on the GGV Library.

We respectfully ask that the Board of Supervisors accepts this Appeal, overturns the second CEQA Categorical Exemption issued in February 2021 and requests that the project sponsor explore an alternative plan, one that doesn’t negatively impact the Golden Gate Valley Branch of the San Francisco Public Library.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ellen Kiyomizu
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Partner, Scorch LLC

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2651-2653 Octavia Street; Block 0553 Lot 002; Permit Number 201808036405; Board of Supervisors File # 210275
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:29:47 AM

From: Tracy <tracynewstadt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Re: 2651-2653 Octavia Street; Block 0553 Lot 002; Permit Number 201808036405; Board of Supervisors File # 210275

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Letter in support of Appeal overturning the CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination and requiring a proper CEQA analyses to be conducted

Dear Chairman Walton and the SF Board of Supervisors:

As a longtime SF resident and supporter of the SFPL, I am writing IN SUPPORT of the Golden Gate Valley Library Friends Appellant group, - a group of concerned SF residents seeking to protect the Golden Gate Valley branch of SFPL from a private development project which will cause irreparable harm to the library's character defining main reading room by reducing light entering the windows and reaching the solar panels.

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We respectfully ask that the Board of Supervisors accepts this Appeal, overturn the second CEQA Categorical Exemption issued in February 2021 and request the project sponsor explore an alternative plan, one that doesn't negatively impact the Golden Gate Valley Branch of the San Francisco Public Library.

Thank you for your consideration.

Tracy Newstadt
2351 17th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94116

From: [Sheila Schroeder](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of SF Planning Dept's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)
Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:39:55 PM
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[image730272.png](#)
[image104186.png](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 25 years.

After taking a look at the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe the Golden Gate Valley Library will not be significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

Specifically, I have the following points:

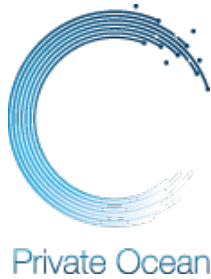
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I urge you to deny the appeal and *validate* the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your

consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheila Schroeder



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Subject: FW: CEQA Appeal: 2651-2653 Octavia Street Project
Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 6:52:18 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Zushi, Kei (CPC)
Attachments: image001.jpg

From: "Lambert, Michael (LIB)" <michael.lambert@sfpl.org>
Date: Friday, February 5, 2021 at 12:20 PM
To: "Zushi, Kei (CPC)" <kei.zushi@sfgov.org>, "Bradley, Stacy (REC)" <stacy.bradley@sfgov.org>, "Singleton, Maureen (LIB)" <Maureen.Singleton@sfpl.org>, "Green, Heather (LIB)" <heather.green@sfpl.org>
Cc: "Gibson, Lisa (CPC)" <lisa.gibson@sfgov.org>, "Delneo, Catherine (LIB)" <catherine.delneo@sfpl.org>, "Lombardi, Roberto (LIB)" <Roberto.Lombardi@sfpl.org>, "Robinson, Todd (LIB)" <todd.robinson@sfpl.org>
Subject: RE: Connecting Planning & SFPL

Hi Kei and Stacy,

The Library has been tracking this proposed project and the neighbors' concerns and efforts to seek historic landmark designation. I have consulted with our Facilities Director and our Chief of Branches to arrive at the following conclusion:

- The Library is not concerned with the adjacent resident's renovation plans
 - The Library has no concern regarding the amount of light that will be able to enter the building and there is no concern regarding the solar panels on the roof
- The Library respects the jurisdiction of other city agencies (Planning, etc.) to oversee the approval of this project

My team can meet with you next week, their schedule permitting. Copying our Chief of Branches, Cathy Delneo, and Facilities Director, Roberto Lombardi, as well ours our Engineering Manager, Todd Robinson.

Thank you,

Michael Lambert I Pronouns (He, Him, His)
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The San Francisco Public Library system is dedicated to free and equal access to information, knowledge, independent learning and the joys of reading for our

diverse community.

From: [John Baker](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board of Supv and Environmental Planning support for the 2651-53 Octavia St project
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:43:44 AM
Attachments: [Letter to SF Board of Supervisors re 2651-53 Octavia St.pdf](#)

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Please forward the attached letter to the Board of Supervisors and Environmental Planning prior to the Appeal hearing on April 20, 2021.

Thank you,
John W. Baker

John W. Baker
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San Francisco, CA 94105

April 11, 2021

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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RE: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

Please forward to the Board of Supervisors and Environmental Planning this letter of SUPPORT for the owner and project sponsor of 2651-53 Octavia in the Appeal hearing on April 20, 2021.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident for over 30 years, first moving here in 1990.

I am an ardent supporter of the San Francisco Library system and the role our libraries have played for years reaching the youth of our community and serving necessary supplemental education in our city. However, after examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building. The GGV Library can continue its mission long after the neighborhood friendly project at 2651-53 Octavia is completed according to the conscientious plans presented.

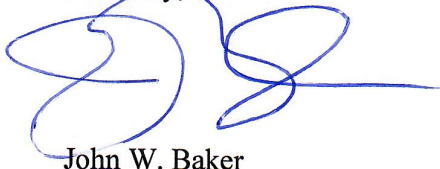
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I urge you to deny the appeal and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JW Baker', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John W. Baker

From: [Susan Neal Nealfam](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS Letter of Support
Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:07:53 AM
Attachments: [BOS Neighbor Support.pdf](#)

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Sincerely,



Susan Neal

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Subject: 2651-53 Octavia Project (Case No. 2018-011022PRJ)
Date: Saturday, April 10, 2021 8:20:51 PM
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Via E-Mail

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Sincerely,



Robert Vanderlaan
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From: [STEPHANI RIEHLE](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 2651-53 Octavia Street
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March 10, 2021

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's

CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

Please forward to the Board of Supervisors and Environmental Planning this letter of SUPPORT for the

owner and project sponsor of 2651-53 Octavia in the Appeal hearing on April 20, 2021.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing today in support of the owners, Jane and Chris Cook, and the proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. We are San

Francisco residents and have lived here for 33 years. My husband and I are both children of public school teachers and great supporters of the Golden Gate Valley Library as well as all public libraries in San Francisco and believe they are of great importance to the City. In this case, only the most minimal of light disturbance would be caused by the addition and the owners should be able to move ahead.

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will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

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Sincerely,

Stephanie and Paul Riehle

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San Francisco, CA 94123

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [BOS-Administrative Aides](#)
Cc: [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)
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From: Ruth Levy <rjlevy50@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:44 AM
To: BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Fw: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

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Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

RE: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 70 years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

Specifically, I have the following points:

- 1) I understand that a CEQA protects historically significant buildings from substantial adverse effects on its character defining features. With the proposed project, I find the illumination and shade differences do not qualify as significant or substantial. The patrons of San Francisco will enjoy the library in the same capacity as it does today.

- 2) The normal light condition in the library is daylight and electric lights, used in combination during open hours. The difference in illumination between the existing light and the light with the proposed addition is **minimal** at -2% clear sky, -4.2 partly cloudy sky, -1.0% overcast sky.
- 3) The library has 14 windows that encircle the building, and the only windows that are potentially affected are 3, and those windows are consistently 50% covered by dark grey shades that filter 90% of the natural light.
- 4) The sun shades on the south facing windows have a greater impact on light than the proposed project would have. These shades can be easily adjusted to suit library patron needs.
- 5) The solar radiation generation is decreased minimally by the proposed project, -5.8% annually. As well, there are no codes or laws protecting solar panels from development of adjacent properties.

I urge you to deny the appeal and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth J. Levy

From: [Elizabeth Munz](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support for project at 2651 Octavia
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San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's
CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 42 years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building and that this project should be allowed to proceed.

Specifically, I have the following points:

--[if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->The proposed project has gone through a thorough review, including evaluation from Environmental Planning and a detailed shade study. It has received approvals from the Planning Commission in two separate occasions. Continuing delays of this nature make San Francisco a difficult environment to build in, especially for small construction projects. The experts have spoken!

--[if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->Although CEQA protects historically significant buildings from substantial adverse effects on its character-defining features, it does not appear that the illumination and shade differences of this project qualify as significant or substantial. The patrons of San Francisco will enjoy the library in the same capacity as it does today.

--[if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->The normal light condition in the library is daylight and

electric lights, used in combination during open hours. The difference in illumination between the existing light and the light with the proposed addition is **minimal** at -2% clear sky, -4.2% partly cloudy sky, -1.0% overcast sky.

--[if !supportLists]-->4) <!--[endif]-->The library has 14 windows that encircle the building, and only 3 are potentially affected. Those windows are consistently 50% covered by dark grey shades that already filter 90% of the natural light.

--[if !supportLists]-->5) <!--[endif]-->The sun shades on the remaining south facing windows have a greater impact on light than the proposed project would have. These shades can be easily adjusted to suit library patron needs.

--[if !supportLists]-->6) <!--[endif]-->The solar radiation generation is decreased minimally by the proposed project, -5.8% annually. As well, there are no codes or laws protecting solar panels from development of adjacent properties.

I urge you to deny the appeal and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Munz

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San Francisco, CA 94118

From: [Colette Zee](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
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RE: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's
CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street.

We all feel fear when we hear that our next door neighbor is expanding. But as I homeowner, I also rely on an even playing field, where - even I - cannot block my neighbor's legal expansion - just because I perceive them to be taking space, light, privacy away from me (which all expansions do). Neighbors are always against expansion, but this fear does not give them the right to deprive others of their rights to legally expand or to impose onerously expensive requirements, just because they are afraid.

The impact on light in the library is minimal. In fact, the library has shades because there is TOO MUCH light at times. It is a neighborly and responsible project, abiding by all of the current zoning and setback restrictions. There are buildings in the area, built before the current planning requirements were enacted, that exceed current height and setback restrictions. This building abides by the current restrictions, please judge it fairly.

I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 22 years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

Specifically, I have the following points:

- [if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->I understand that a CEQA protects historically significant buildings from substantial adverse effects on its character defining features. With the proposed project, I find the illumination and shade differences do not qualify as significant or substantial. The patrons of San Francisco will enjoy the library in the same capacity as it does today.
- [if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->The normal light condition in the library is daylight and electric lights, used in combination during open hours. The difference in illumination between the existing light and the light with the proposed addition is **minimal** at -2% clear sky, -4.2 partly cloudy sky, -1.0% overcast sky.
- [if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->The library has 14 windows that encircle the building, and the only widows that are potentially affected are 3, and those windows are consistently 50% covered by dark grey shades that filter 90% of the natural light.
- [if !supportLists]-->4) <!--[endif]-->The sun shades on the south facing windows have a greater impact on light than the proposed project would have. These shades can be easily adjusted to suit library patron needs.
- [if !supportLists]-->5) <!--[endif]-->The solar radiation generation is decreased minimally by the proposed project, -5.8% annually. As well, there are no codes or laws protecting solar panels from development of adjacent properties.

I urge you to deny the appeal and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Colette Zee & family Herrick

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San Francisco, CA 94115

From: [Misty Phenicie](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Tony Avila](#); jcotecook@gmail.com
Subject: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:51:29 AM
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Please see attached letter supporting the proposed renovation set forth in the attached letter.

Thank you,

Misty C. Phenicie

Sent on behalf of **Tony Avila**

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Please forward to the Board of Supervisors and Environmental Planning this letter of SUPPORT for the owner and project sponsor of 2651-53 Octavia in the Appeal hearing on April 20, 2021.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived at 2741 Buchanan Street for several years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

Specifically, I have the following points:

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I urge you to deny the appeal and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tony Avila

From: [Ann Arora](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Letter of Support for Project Sponsor in Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department's CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, (Case No. 2018-011022 PRJ)
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 20 years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

Specifically, I have the following points:

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your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ann Arora
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From: [anita.demas](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#); [Zushi, Kei \(CPC\)](#); [Lew, Lisa \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Supervisors](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 28 years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

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I urge you to deny the appeal and validate the Categorical CEQA Exemption that the San Francisco Environmental Planning Department granted to 2651-53 Octavia. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anita N. Demas, MD

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today in support of the owners and proposed project at 2651-53 Octavia Street. I am a San Francisco resident and have lived here for 49 years.

After examining the Symphysis illumination and shade studies, I believe that the Golden Gate Valley Library will not significantly or substantially be harmed by the proposed remodel on the adjacent building.

Specifically, I have the following points:

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Sincerely,

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