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re: File No. 180697

Dear Board Members:

I am unable to appear at the hearing for this case on July 31st as I will be out of the country. Nonetheless, I wish to protest the approved construction of the proposed project at 429 Beale Street and 430 Main Street. There are several critical reasons for not proceeding with this 18,906 sq.ft., nine story condominium building on these two major access streets to and from the SF Bay Bridge and major freeway arteries.

1) Congestion on Beale and Main Streets are presently so severe that there are literally only a window of several hours a day when there is relatively little traffic. The queue of cars trying to get onto the Bay Bridge on ramp during peak commute typically crawls to a stand still and vehicles often get so irate they jump the line and cross over into oncoming traffic just to escape. Residents on Beale are rendered virtual hostages, because it is nearly impossible to get in or out of the garage during these times. At one time Beale Street was closed to traffic on Bryant. Now that they unsealed the Bryant Street entrance to the bridge there are cars queuing up and down this narrow one lane coming and going corridor all day long. With the added cars that will be accessing Beale and Main Streets this will only add to the chaos and danger at present.

2) We are told that the rear of the condominium with its garage and trash dumpsters, will face Beale. This will pose an additional health problem on this narrow street which already experiences garbage overflow and infestation of flies and vermin onto the sidewalks and streets, made worse by homeless people picking through the refuse. The unsightly row of dumpsters along Beale Street is nothing short of revolting and can only get worse with the rise of yet another condo in an already overly-developed area.

3) The 9-story building will block the sunlight and view along the Embarcadero for many. My 4th floor unit directly faces the Condo. This will definitely lower my property value and make my unit hard to sell or rent. Other units are already selling because the quality of life has been so drastically compromised by the over-building on our street, both in front and back of the Bridgeview.

4) These condos springing up like weeds all over the city for mega-profits do not address the affordable housing crisis. Long time residents are moving out of the city, selling their units or renting them to predominantly young, high tech workers from overseas. The demographics of my building has changed drastically from middle class families to singles working in the

booming Tech industries. They are not a stable population invested in building community or in the future of our city. They are a mobile class of workers who go wherever the opportunities lie.

Finally, if you, the Board of Supervisors want to make good on your campaign promises to make San Francisco a more liveable, affordable and vibrant city where families and residents of all ages can survive in and enjoy, I urge you to stop the transformation of our neighborhoods into urban prisons for working and middle class families and expensive playgrounds for the rich!

Sincerely yours,
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