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MEMORANDUM

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair
Land Use and Transportation Committee

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk

DATE: October 23, 2023

SUBJECT **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

The following file should be presented as COMMITTEE REPORT at the regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. This ordinance was acted upon during the regular Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m., by the votes indicated.

BOS Item No. 24 File No. 220709

[Planning Code - Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to exclude Article 10 Landmark buildings from use size limitation and allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

REFERRED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION AS COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Myrna Melgar – Aye
Supervisor Dean Preston – Aye
Supervisor Aaron Peskin – Aye

Cc: Board of Supervisors
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

File No. 220709

Committee Item No. 1

Board Item No. 24

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Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: October 20, 2023

Prepared by: John Carroll

Date: October 23, 2023

Prepared by: _____

Date: _____

1 [Planning Code - Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro**
4 **Street Neighborhood Commercial District to exclude Article 10 Landmark buildings**
5 **from use size limitation and allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use**
6 **authorization on the second floor; affirming the Planning Department’s determination**
7 **under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency**
8 **with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1,**
9 **and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code,**
10 **Section 302.**

11 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
12 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
13 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
14 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
15 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
16 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
17 subsections or parts of tables.

18 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

19 Section 1. Findings.

20 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
21 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
22 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
23 Supervisors in File No. 220709 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms
24 this determination.
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(b) On June 15, 2023, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21333, adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the City’s General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220709, and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 21333, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 220709, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Article 7 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 715, to read as follows:

SEC. 715. CASTRO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

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**Table 715. CASTRO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
ZONING CONTROL TABLE**

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Zoning Category	§ References	Controls
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NON-RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS AND USES		
Development Standards		
Floor Area Ratio	§§ 102, 123, 124	3.0 to 1

1	Use Size	§§ 102, 121.2	P to 1,999 square feet; C 2,000 square feet to 3,999 square feet; NP(1) 4,000 square feet and above		
2	* * * *				
3			Controls by Story		
4			1st	2nd	3rd+
5	* * * *				
6	Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Use Category				
7	Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Uses*	§ 102	NP	NP	NP
8	Arts Activities	§ 102	P	P	P
9	Entertainment, General	§ 102	P	P	NP
10	Entertainment, Nighttime	§ 102	C	<u>CNP</u>	NP
11	* * * *				

18 * Not listed below

19 (1) USE SIZE EXEMPTION

20 Per Planning Code Section 121.2(b), Use Size shall generally not exceed 4,000 square feet
 21 except that a Child Care Facility, School, Post-Secondary Educational Institution, Religious
 22 Institution, Social Service or Philanthropic Facility, Community Facility, or a Residential Care
 23 Facility as defined in Section 102 that is operated by a non-profit and is neighborhood-serving
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1 may exceed 4,000 square feet by Conditional Use authorization. The non-residential use size
2 limitation shall not apply to Article 10 Landmark buildings located in the Castro NCD

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5 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
6 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
7 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
8 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
12 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

13 By: /s/ Robb Kapla
14 ROBB KAPLA
Deputy City Attorney

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LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code, to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

Within the Castro Neighborhood Commercial District, Nighttime Entertainment is allowed with a Conditional Use authorization on the first floor of a building and is not permitted on the second story or above.

Amendments to Current Law

The Proposed Legislation would allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor while keeping the use not permitted on the third floor or above.

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June 22, 2023

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk
Honorable Supervisor Mandelman
Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Transmittal of Planning Department Case Number 2022-005693PCA:
Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District
Board File No. 220709

Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation:	Approval with Modifications
Planning Commission Recommendation:	Approval with Modifications

Dear Ms. Calvillo and Supervisor Mandelman,

On June 15, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a specially scheduled joint meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance, introduced by Supervisor Mandelman that would amend the Planning Code to conditionally permit Nighttime Entertainment on the second story in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District (Castro Street NCD). At the hearing, the Historic Preservation Commission adopted a recommendation for approval with modifications and the Planning Commission recommended approval with modifications.

The Historic Preservation Commission’s and Planning Commission’s proposed modification was as follows:

- Remove non-residential use size limitations for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD.

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

Supervisor, please advise the City Attorney at your earliest convenience if you wish to incorporate the changes recommended by the Commission.

Please find attached documents relating to the actions of the Commission. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron D. Starr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Aaron D. Starr
Manager of Legislative Affairs

cc: Robb Kapla, Deputy City Attorney
Adam Thongsavat, Aide to Supervisor Mandelman
Erica Major, Office of the Clerk of the Board

Attachments :

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution
Planning Commission Resolution
Planning Department Executive Summary



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 1332

HEARING DATE: JUNE 15, 2023

Project Name: Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District
Case Number: 2022-005693PCA [Board File No. 220709]
Initiated by: Supervisor Mandelman / Introduced June 7, 2022
Staff Contact: Audrey Merlone, Legislative Affairs
Audrey.Merlone@sfgov.org, 628-652-7534
Reviewed by: Aaron D Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs
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RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CONTROLS IN THE CASTRO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW NIGHTTIME ENTERTAINMENT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION ON THE SECOND FLOOR; AND AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND MAKING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE, SECTION 101.1, AND FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE UNDER PLANNING CODE, SECTION 302.

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022 Supervisor Mandelman introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 220709, which would amend the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor);

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on June 15, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Sections 15060(c) and 15378; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the Custodian of Records, at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare require the proposed amendment; and

MOVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby adopts a recommendation for **approval with modifications** of the proposed ordinance. The Commission's proposed recommendation(s) is/are as follows:

1. Remove non-residential use size limitations for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD.

Findings

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

The Castro NCD is both a neighborhood-serving shopping district and a destination for regional and national visitors. It has a vibrant mix of uses that meet daily needs - coffee shops, a hardware store, banks, a bookstore, a grocer, and pharmacies. And like all San Francisco neighborhoods, it has felt the impact of the pandemic and a changing retail sector. One of the few remaining business types that have been able to stay profitable are experiential in nature, for example Entertainment, Personal Service, and Eating & Drinking Establishments. The City also has an interest in land use policies that support a mix of retail so that the neighborhood can continue to both serve residents and draw visitors. The proposed Ordinance achieves this balance. A CUA process for new Nighttime Entertainment will ensure each proposed new Nighttime Entertainment use can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it would be appropriate for the neighborhood in its specific context.

General Plan Compliance

The proposed Ordinance and the Commission's recommended modification is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 2

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

Policy 2.1

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the city.

Policy 2.3

Maintain a favorable social and cultural climate in the city in order to enhance its attractiveness as a firm location.

Citywide data over the past decades shows that dining/drinking, personal services, and entertainment are the only retail subsections that have grown in the City's neighborhood commercial areas. Increasing the types of uses that may operate on the 2nd story in the Castro NCD to include Nighttime Entertainment will allow a use type to establish in the district that is known for bringing in tourists and locals alike. The residual effects of increased visitors to the district will benefit the struggling commercial businesses and potentially assist in reducing the number of storefront vacancies in the Castro NCD.

Planning Code Section 101 Findings

The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on neighborhood serving retail uses and will not have a negative effect on opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of neighborhood-serving retail.

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;

The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on housing or neighborhood character.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

The proposed Ordinance would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office

development, and future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors would not be impaired.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on City's preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

7. That the landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's Landmarks and historic buildings.

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas.

Planning Code Section 302 Findings.

The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby ADOPTS A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on June 15, 2023.



Jonas P Ionin Digitally signed by Jonas P Ionin

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Vergara, Foley, So, Nageswaran, Matsuda

NOES: None

ABSENT: Wright

ADOPTED: June 15, 2023



PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21333

HEARING DATE: JUNE 15, 2023

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CONTROLS IN THE CASTRO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW NIGHTTIME ENTERTAINMENT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION ON THE SECOND FLOOR; AND AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND MAKING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE, SECTION 101.1, AND FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE UNDER PLANNING CODE, SECTION 302.

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare require the proposed amendment; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby **approves with modifications** the proposed ordinance. The Commission's proposed recommendation is as follows:

1. Remove non-residential use size limitations for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD.

Findings

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

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Planning Code Section 302 Findings.

The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby APPROVES WITH MODIFICATIONS the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on June 15, 2023.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

Jonas P Ionin Digitally signed by Jonas P Ionin
Date: 2023.06.21 17:14:48 -0700

AYES: Braun, Diamond, Imperial, Koppel, Moore, Tanner

NOES: None

ABSENT: Ruiz

ADOPTED: June 15, 2023



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLANNING CODE TEXT AMENDMENT

HEARING DATE: May 18, 2023

Review Deadline: June 12, 2023

Project Name: Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District
Case Number: 2022-005693PCA [Board File No. 220709]
Initiated by: Supervisor Mandelman / Introduced June 7, 2022
Staff Contact: Audrey Merlone, Legislative Affairs
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Reviewed by: Aaron Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs
aaron.starr@sfgov.org, 628-652-7533

Recommendation: Approval with Modifications

Planning Code Amendment

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Planning Code to conditionally permit Nighttime Entertainment on the second story in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District (Castro Street NCD).

The Way It Is Now:

1. In the Castro NCD, Nighttime Entertainment is allowed with a Conditional Use authorization (CUA) on the 1st story, and not permitted above the first story.
2. In the Castro NCD, non-residential uses sizes are permitted up to 1,999 square feet, require a CUA for non-residential uses between 2,000 square feet and 3,999 square feet, and are Not Permitted (NP) for uses 4,000 square feet and above.

The Way It Would Be:

1. In the Castro NCD, Nighttime Entertainment would be allowed with Conditional Use authorization on the 1st and 2nd story, and not permitted above the 2nd story.

2. The non-residential use sizes in the Castro NCD would not change.

Background

On June 15, 2022, the Planning Department received multiple applications for 429 Castro Street (d.b.a. Castro Theatre). The applications included proposed major rehabilitation work, adding a Nighttime Entertainment use and Bar on the 1st story and mezzanine level, and continuing the venue's use as a Movie Theater. This legislative amendment, introduced by Supervisor Mandelman, is intended to allow the Castro Theatre to conduct a Nighttime Entertainment use on the mezzanine level, which the ZA determined to be large enough and separate enough from the ground story to constitute a 2nd story. Although the proposed legislation was spurred by this specific project proposal, the legislation would affect the entire Castro Street NCD; therefore, this report will weigh the merits of the proposed legislative change for the entire district. This report will not weigh in on whether the Castro Theatre, specifically, should be granted a Conditional Use authorization for Nighttime Entertainment on the 2nd story.

Issues and Considerations

Definition of Nighttime Entertainment

The Planning Code defines Nighttime Entertainment as:

A Retail Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Use that includes dance halls, discotheques, nightclubs, private clubs, and other similar evening-oriented entertainment activities which require dance hall keeper police permits or Place of Entertainment police permits, as defined in Section 1060 of the Police Code, which are not limited to non-amplified live entertainment, including Restaurants and Bars which present such activities, but shall not include any Arts Activity, any theater performance space which does not serve alcoholic beverages during performances, or any temporary uses permitted pursuant to Sections 205 through 205.4 of this Code. This use is also subject to the controls in Section 202.11.

The types of businesses that fall under a Nighttime Entertainment vary; however, most often they are a concert venue, private club, or night club. It should be noted that to serve alcohol, Nighttime Entertainment uses must also operate in conjunction with another use that allows on-site alcohol consumption, such as a Bar use. Bar uses are currently permitted on the first and second stories with Conditional Use authorization in the Castro NCD.

The Health of the Nightlife Industry

Prior to the pandemic, the City's 3,800 nightlife businesses employed over 64,000 people and generated an estimated \$7 billion in annual economic impact. While the City continues to make exciting progress in its economic recovery, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on its restaurants, bars, performing arts spaces, and music venues. Live entertainment is a key piece of San Francisco's nightlife offerings and a cornerstone of our City's cultural identity. According to nightlife visitor surveys conducted by the Controller's

Office in 2012, 31% of visitors from outside of the City who traveled to San Francisco at night did so to visit music venues and nightclubs, frequenting other local businesses during their trips.

Expanding opportunities for entertainment venues will enhance the recovery of the Castro Street NCD and attract local workers and tourists to support surrounding businesses.

Entertainment venues have been hit especially hard by the pandemic, and yet they are critical to San Francisco's standing as an arts and culture destination and play an important role in the local economy. Live music attracts tourists and locals alike, adding vibrancy to neighborhoods and drawing patrons to our restaurants, bars, and hotels. Expanding opportunities for entertainment venues will enhance the recovery of the Castro Street NCD and attract local workers and tourists to support surrounding businesses. Entertainment venues also provide an important platform to help local musicians launch successful careers, and support employment within the broader local music industry. According to the Controller's 2012 report, San Francisco's nightlife and entertainment venues spent \$110 million on musicians and other performers in 2010.

Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District

The Castro Street NCD was created in 1987 as one of the City's very first named neighborhood commercial districts. The District is situated in Eureka Valley, close to the geographic center of San Francisco between the Mission District, Twin Peaks, and Upper Market Street. The physical form of the district is a crossing at Castro and 18th Streets, the arms of which contain many small, but intensely active commercial businesses. The multi-purpose commercial district provides both convenience goods to its immediate neighborhood as well as comparison shopping goods and services on a specialized basis to a wider trade area. Commercial businesses are active both in the daytime and late into the evening and include several gay-oriented bars and restaurants, as well as several specialty clothing and gift stores. The district also supports several offices in converted residential buildings.

The proposed Ordinance will create more opportunities for the vacant storefronts in the Castro St. NCD to become thriving businesses again, while still assuring proper conditions of operation are in place to prevent proposed venues from being a nuisance to surrounding businesses and neighbors.

The Castro Street District controls are designed to maintain existing small-scale development and promote a balanced mix of uses. Building standards permit small-scale buildings and protect rear yards above the ground story and at residential levels. In new buildings, most commercial uses are permitted at the ground and second stories. Special controls are necessary to preserve the existing equilibrium of neighborhood-serving convenience and specialty commercial uses. To maintain convenience stores and protect adjacent residential livability, controls authorize some additional eating and drinking establishments with a Conditional Use authorization, permit self-service specialty food establishments, and permit with certain limitations new late-night uses, adult and other entertainment, and financial service uses. The continuous retail frontage is maintained by prohibiting most automobile and drive-up uses. Housing development in new buildings is encouraged above the second story.

One of the many unfortunate consequences of the pandemic has been an increase in the number of storefront vacancies across the City, and the Castro St. NCD is no different. A visual survey of the Castro St. NCD conducted in November of 2021 found that of the approximately 124 active storefronts in the Castro St. NCD, 18 were vacant. This translates to a vacancy rate of ~15% (OEWD considers a healthy vacancy rate 5%-10%). Almost all of these storefronts became vacant within the last 3 years.

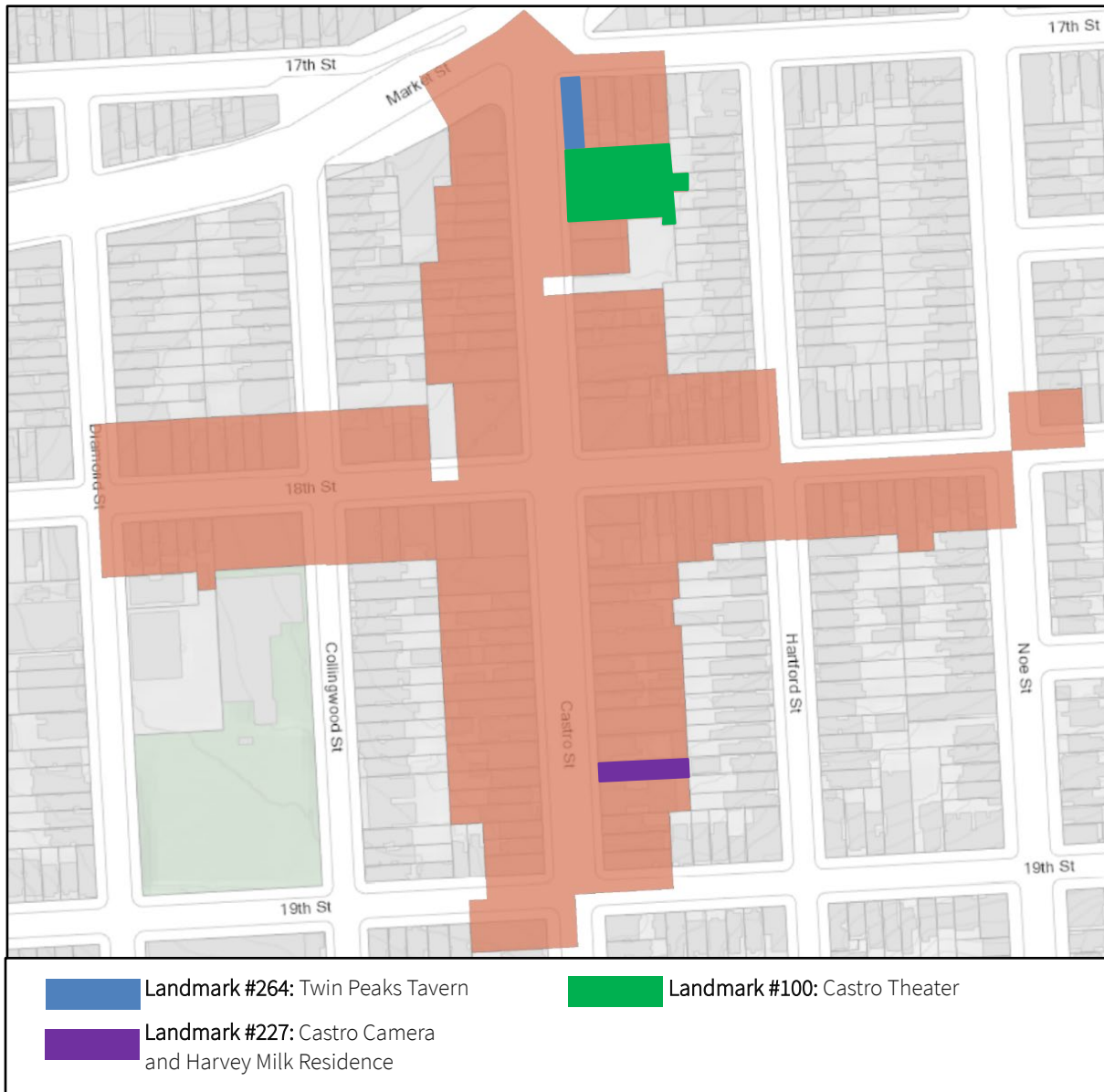


Even before the pandemic, traditional brick and mortar retail establishments have been struggling due to a shift from consumers to online retail. Citywide data over the past decades shows that dining/drinking, personal services, and entertainment are the only retail subsections that have grown in the City's neighborhood commercial areas. Increasing the types of uses that may operate on the 2nd story in the Castro NCD to include Nighttime Entertainment will allow a use type to establish in the district that is known for bringing in tourists and locals alike. The residual effects of increased visitors to the district will benefit the struggling commercial businesses and potentially assist in reducing the number of storefront vacancies in the Castro NCD. Requiring Conditional Use authorization for new Nighttime Entertainment uses on the 2nd story will also assure that proper conditions of operation are in place to prevent proposed venues from being a nuisance to surrounding businesses and neighbors.

Historic Landmarks in the Castro Street NCD

Landmarks and Landmark Districts are unique and irreplaceable assets to the City and its neighborhoods and provide examples of the surroundings in which past and recent generations lived. The intent of Landmark

designation is to protect, preserve, enhance, and encourage continued utilization, rehabilitation and, where necessary, adaptive use of significant cultural resources. Once a structure or feature is listed as an individual landmark, any applications for construction, alteration, or demolition must be reviewed by the Historic Preservation Commission to ensure the proposed changes will not result in the diminishment of the resource such that its historic significance is lost.



The Castro Street NCD is home to three buildings that are individually listed, Article 10 Landmarks¹: The Castro Theater, Twin Peaks Tavern, and the Castro Camera & Harvey Milk Residence. As all three Landmarks are structures, any uses contained within are constrained by restrictions on alterations to the interiors; including to make spaces smaller. In the Castro NCD, non-residential uses are only Principally Permitted up to 1,999 square feet. A CUA is required for non-residential uses between 2,000 square feet and 3,999 square feet, and non-residential uses larger than 3,999 square feet Not Permitted (NP). This means Landmarks in the Castro NCD with spaces larger than 1,999 square feet must either alter the interior of the space to subdivide the building into multiple non-residential units or find tenants willing to go through a Conditional Use authorization to establish in the building. If the space is larger than 3,999 square feet, such is the case with the Castro Theater, the Landmark is further constrained; and may only operate the original, legal non-conforming use at the site.

General Plan Compliance

The Commerce and Industry Element of the General Plan calls for managing economic growth and change to ensure enhancement of the total city environment, maintaining a sound and diverse economic base and fiscal structure, and providing expanded employment opportunities for city residents. Policies 2.1 and 2.3 focus on retaining commercial activity and attracting new activity by fostering a favorable social and cultural climate. The proposed Ordinance assists in accomplishing these policy goals by allowing new commercial activity in the form of new Nighttime Entertainment on the 2nd story in the Castro NCD with a CUA. This added commercial activity will help maintain a favorable social and cultural climate in the Castro by adding to the variety in social gathering spaces available to visitors and residents.

Racial and Social Equity Analysis

The proposed amendments cannot be directly tied to a negative or positive impact in advancing the City's racial and social equity. There is not enough data to support the claim for the small number of businesses that it will affect.

Implementation

The Department has determined that this ordinance will not impact our current implementation procedures.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission *approve with modifications* the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

1. Remove non-residential use size limitations for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD.

¹ In addition to three buildings, the Castro NCD also contains Landmark #200: Path of Gold Light Standards, which are considered street furniture (light poles).

Basis for Recommendation

The Castro NCD is both a neighborhood-serving shopping district and a destination for regional and national visitors. It has a vibrant mix of uses that meet daily needs - coffee shops, a hardware store, banks, a bookstore, a grocer, and pharmacies. And like all San Francisco neighborhoods, it has felt the impact of the pandemic and a changing retail sector. One of the few remaining business types that have been able to stay profitable are experiential in nature, for example Entertainment, Personal Service, and Eating & Drinking Establishments. The City also has an interest in land use policies that support a mix of retail so that the neighborhood can continue to both serve residents and draw visitors. The proposed Ordinance achieves this balance. A CUA process for new Nighttime Entertainment will ensure each proposed new Nighttime Entertainment use can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it would be appropriate for the neighborhood in its specific context.

Recommended Modification 1: Remove non-residential use size limitations for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD. Article 10 Landmarks must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter any aspect of the structure that is part of the landmarking, which often includes the interior of the building. These restrictions, coupled with use-size limitations in the Castro NCD, make it difficult to find suitable tenants for larger Landmarked buildings. The proposed modification will make it easier for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD to find tenants by removing the restrictive non-residential use size limitations, which will in-turn assist in keeping these important, historically significant buildings active.

Required Commission Action

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may approve it, reject it, or approve it with modifications.

Environmental Review

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

Public Comment

As of May 10th, 2023 (the publishing deadline of this report), the Planning Department has not received any public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance, specifically. The Department has, however received numerous public comments regarding the proposed changes to the Castro Theatre, which includes obtaining a CUA for Nighttime Entertainment on the 2nd story (mezzanine), a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed alterations, and changes to the Landmark designation.

- **SUPPORT** – As of May 10th the Department has received 1,513 letters in support of the proposed project. 1,491 of these utilized one of two form letter templates accessed and submitted via the Castro Theatre's website. Many of the signatories signed both letters. The letters support the renovation plans with upgraded seat configurations to allow flexibility of space to accommodate a variety of events. Benefits cited include increased economic activity, accessibility upgrades to allow for better accessibility for persons with disabilities, and physical improvements to the space, noting a trust with the project

sponsor to restore the historic venue. The second, more recent form letter also supports the commitment of APE to host events that highlight LGBTQ+ performers, and APE's pledge to dedicate at least 1/3 of programming to movies and film festivals.

- **OPPOSITION** – As of May 10th the Department has received 697 letters in opposition to the project. 643 of these utilized a form letter template from the Castro Theatre Conservancy's website – "Save the Castro Theatre". In addition to the form letter's content, many writers also added their personal experiences at the Castro Theatre, background as a San Francisco resident or visitor, or experience as a film professional. Specific objections contained in the form letter included the removal of the fixed seats and alteration of the sloped floor, alongside concerns on the proposed change of use from a movie theatre to an entertainment venue with only limited film screenings. Some submissions also included concerns with Another Planet Entertainment as the operator.

Other submissions with comments that did not fit into a full support or opposition category of the proposed changes include:

- 61 submissions limiting their opposition to the removal of the seats and/or sloped floor.
- 24 submissions limiting their comments to supporting the proposed changes to the landmark designation.
- 1 submission requesting changes to the landmarking language.
- 1 submission requesting a continuance of the previously scheduled April 13th hearing until the landmarking has passed.
- 1 submission expressing concerns with Another Planet Entertainment as the operator, but supportive of renovating the theatre.
- 1 submission expressing support for the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's efforts for community engagement regarding the Castro Theatre proposal.

A list of every person who submitted public comment can be found as Exhibit D. All submitted public comments have been sent to the Commissioners and can also be found on file with the Department upon request.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Letters of Support/Opposition

Castro Theatre Website Form Letter #1 in Support of Proposed Changes



Jan 24, 2023

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the renovation plans and intended use of the Castro Theatre to modernize this historic venue and ensure that it **survives and thrives for another 100 years and more.**

The proposed renovation plans are critical to preserving the Castro Theatre for generations to come. Upgrades and repairs to the historic marquee and blade, interior preservation of beloved murals and the historic proscenium, full restoration of the magnificent ceiling, upgrades to seating, ADA accessibility to create a more inclusive space for the community, backstage dressing rooms, heating and ventilation systems that will provide improved air quality, state-of-the-art sound, lighting, production and concession areas will help to modernize the functionality of the space.

It's critical for a venue to be a flexible space in order to survive in our current market. This includes being able to present and accommodate a variety of events **from community functions, film festivals and screenings, organ recitals, comedy, music, LGBTQ+ events and more.**

Venues are anchor tenants and economic drivers to neighborhoods. A recent study by Chicago Loop Alliance found that for every \$1 spent at a venue \$12 is generated in the local economy at neighboring restaurants, bars, lodging, transportation and retail shops. This economic activity will be so important for the Castro District.

Additionally, Another Planet Entertainment is a trusted local independent small business with a long history of preserving and restoring historic venues such as the Fox Theatre in Downtown Oakland. APE is the right team for this job and I've already seen the care and effort they've put into this project.

As the letter from the Nasser Family, owners of the Theatre, mentions, **"We fully support the proposed changes by APE that allow the Theatre to have versatile programming and upgraded seat configurations which will hopefully stave off the fate of so many other theaters of this era that have closed, been developed into other occupancies or converted to retail shops."**

For these reasons, I urge your support for the Castro Theatre renovation plans as proposed by APE.

Sincerely,

Name: |

Zip:

Date/Time:

Castro Theatre Website Form Letter #2 in Support of Proposed Changes

10th May 2023

- The Office of Commission Affairs
- Planning Commission and the Historic Preservation Commission
- San Francisco Planning Department
- City & County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Land Use and Transportation Committee

RE: Support for Another Planet Entertainment & the Castro Theatre

Commissioners,

I am submitting this letter to support Another Planet Entertainment's vision and proposal to revitalize the Castro Theatre to ensure a vibrant and sustainable future.

Another Planet Entertainment is deeply committed to its role as affirming and engaging stewards of the Castro Theatre while recognizing the importance of being good neighbors and uplifting those in the film, music, comedy, LGBTQ+, and surrounding communities. However, for Another Planet and the Castro Theatre to continue acting in this capacity and honoring the communities it serves, critical infrastructure improvements are needed to create a flexible and inviting space that provides appropriate settings for various types of events.

I commend Castro Theatre's commitment to hosting events that highlight LGBTQ+ performers, promote local businesses to event-goers, and dedicate at least a third of their programming to showing movies and hosting film festivals. These community benefits will not only empower and provide an influential platform for the performing arts, but also create a viable source of revenue to help keep this iconic theatre's doors open. Another Planet's commitments and the success of the Castro Theatre will undoubtedly leave a positive lasting impact on the Castro in a tangible, meaningful, and thoughtful manner.

I firmly believe that Another Planet's plans to reinvigorate the theatre by upgrading and fixing aspects of the theatre that are underutilized or in disrepair are essential to the future success of this historic theatre. For these reasons and more, I urge your support for the Castro Theatre renovation plans proposed by APE.

Sincerely,

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Edward Lortz	Rae Livingston	Jonathan Kahn	Matthew Kaplan
John Edwards	Joseph Orlando	Mark Pitner	Chris Gilbert
Mario Ramirez	Sarah Gudernatch Smith	Manuel Cabanas	David Hillis
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Kyle Dugan	Paul Davenpory	Maureen Morris	Marc Duncan
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“Save the Castro Theatre” Form Letter

Dear Supervisors, Historical Preservation Commission, and Planning Commission,

As a San Franciscan, I am deeply concerned about the future of the Castro Theatre—a vital community resource and a beacon for film, and the LGBTQ+ community, within the City and around the world. The Castro must not be valued mainly for its ability to earn money for a corporate entity.

I am writing to urge you to help save the Castro for the community, by including the sloped floor and orchestra seats in the update of the Theatre’s landmark designation. San Francisco has many chairless, flat-floored venues for live music, but only the Castro Theatre—San Francisco’s last surviving single-screen movie palace and an iconic community building—can present film and community events to large audiences.

The sloped floor and seats are key historical characteristics that define the venue as a cinema and performance space. There are dozens of historic movie houses across the country that have undergone renovations and maintained their sloped floor and orchestral seating, while thriving as multi-use spaces, including the United Palace and the Beacon in NYC, the Orpheum and the Theatre at Ace Hotel in Los Angeles, the Fox Theaters in Atlanta, Detroit, and St. Louis, and the Oakland Paramount.

Expanding the landmark designation will protect the Castro’s soul. It will ensure that film festivals, luminaries of the world of cinema, and LGBTQ+ and other community events are able to continue using the theatre at affordable prices.

Sincerely,

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Erica Sweetman	Concerns with APE as the operator/supports upgrades
Richard Hildreth	Concerns with Nasser family and APE, opposes nighttime entertainment uses
Sonia Mistry	Opposes change of use
Susan Ohmer	Opposes change of use
Stephen Fisk	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Victor Ortiz de Montellano	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Michael C. Berch	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Nellie Killian	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Jamison Wieser	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Jamie Jensen	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Lincoln Spector	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Karl Cohen	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Andy Kaufman	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Gary Hobish	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Don Sjoerdsma	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Frank McGuire	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Katherine Elewski	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Tricia Welsch	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Justin DeFreitas	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Beth Mooney	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Philip Toscano	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Melisa Moonan	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Michael Mayer	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Erich Richter	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Larry Brinkin	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Harry Breaux	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Jessica Dillon	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Matthew Perifano	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Corey Rothermel	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Michael Wilk	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Karl Cohen	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Frank McGuire	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Susan Salisbury	Opposes changes proposed by APE
David G Fink	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Linda Keenan	Opposes changes proposed by APE
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Gary Meyer	Opposes changes proposed by APE
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Charles Beal	Opposes changes proposed by APE
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Erik Westby	Opposes changes proposed by APE
John Pflueger	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Caroline Bracco	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Peter Jenó	Opposes changes proposed by APE
Gary Gregerson	Opposes changes proposed by APE/change of use/Morrissey

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Eddie Muller	Opposes changes proposed by APE/Nassers as owners
Philip Fisher	Opposes changes/supports landmarking
Daniel Forsley	Opposes changes/supports landmarking
Gretchen Forsley	Opposes changes/supports landmarking
Julie Lindow	Opposes removal of seating/APE management/future programming
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Eric Bull	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
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Rena Kiehn	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
David Kiehn	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Marge Healy	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
David Schnee	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor

Individually Written Letters

Brian Whitty	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Kimber Patterson	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Elisabeth Derby	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Anne Batmale	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Candace Forest	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Casper Tybjerg	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Dr. Jo Harrison	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
John Waters	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Larsen Associates (Karen Larsen, Joel Shepard, Zachary Thompson, Tim Buckwalter, Corey Tong, Lawrence Helman	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Lex Sloan	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Richard Levitt	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Robert Ward	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Sarah Schaaf	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Sean Sharp	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Tara Lee Ford	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Thom Loftus	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Matt Mumper	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Eddie Muller	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Susan Salisbury	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
David Schnee	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Diane Peers	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Pat Huey	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor
Troy Barber	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor/Nasser family as owners
Joyce Lupack	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor/proposed change of use
Peter Pastreich/Castro Theatre Conservancy	Opposes removal of seats/sloped floor/proposed change of use/CofA/CUA
Gerard Koskovich	Requests changes to landmarking language
Castro LGBTQ Cultural District	Requests continuance of April 13 CofA hearing until after final passage of landmarking
Lily Wong, Sunset Chinese Cultural District Director	Supports Castro LGBTQ Cultural District's efforts for community engagement
Sara Friedman	Supports landmarking
Kristen Caven	Supports landmarking
Mark Parra	Supports landmarking
Alan Snitow	Supports landmarking
Deborah Kaufman	Supports landmarking
Lenore Chinn	Supports landmarking
Brad Paul	Supports landmarking
Rick Danielson	Supports landmarking
Roxanne Gentile	Supports landmarking
Serafina Miller	Supports landmarking
Alice Jurow	Supports landmarking
Katie Conry	Supports landmarking

Individually Written Letters

Elaine Denham	Supports landmarking
Robert Bray	Supports landmarking
Dr. Mercilee Jenkins	Supports landmarking
Leather & LGBTQ Cultural District	Supports landmarking
Tim Schafer	Supports landmarking
Castro Merchants Board of Directors	Supports landmarking
Merideth H. Grierson	Supports landmarking
Maureen Russell	Supports landmarking
Alana Romund	Supports landmarking
Jon Wengstrom	Supports landmarking
SF Heritage/Karalyn Monteil	Supports landmarking
Laura Thielen	Supports landmarking
Madeleine Cargas	Supports landmarking/opposes Morsey
Castro Community Benefits District	Supports proposed changes/APE
Terese Lawler	Supports proposed changes/APE
Gregory Sugar	Supports proposed changes/APE
Brian Kemler	Supports proposed changes/APE
Jessica G	Supports proposed changes/APE
Angie Gentile	Supports proposed changes/APE
Kyle Rosenthal	Supports proposed changes/APE
Christian Bellman	Supports proposed changes/APE
John Forsayeth	Supports proposed changes/APE
Joan Schoonover	Supports proposed changes/APE
Sean Mayer	Supports proposed changes/APE
Christopher Chase	Supports proposed changes/APE
Savio D'Souza - owner of UPS store at 2370 Market	Supports proposed changes/APE
Leslie Tse, owner of 25 Hartford Street (1 lot away from Castro Theatre)	Supports proposed changes/APE
Mike Sullivan	Supports proposed changes/APE
Joe Sangirardi - Eureka Valley Neighborhood Assoc.	Supports proposed changes/APE
Ben Halbig	Supports proposed changes/APE
Sharon and Norman Kman	Supports proposed changes/APE
Jona Bate	Supports proposed changes/APE
Jane Natoli	Supports proposed changes/APE
Karena and Matt Fowler	Supports proposed changes/APE
Ted Getten	Supports proposed changes/APE



PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21333

HEARING DATE: JUNE 15, 2023
CORRECTED DATE: JUNE 28, 2023

Project Name: Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District
Case Number: 2022-005693PCA [Board File No. 220709]
Initiated by: Supervisor Mandelman / Introduced June 7, 2022
Staff Contact: Audrey Merlone, Legislative Affairs
Audrey.Merlone@sfgov.org, 628-652-7534
Reviewed by: Aaron D Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs
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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CONTROLS IN THE CASTRO STREET NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO ALLOW NIGHTTIME ENTERTAINMENT WITH A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION ON THE SECOND FLOOR; AND AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; AND MAKING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE, SECTION 101.1, AND FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE UNDER PLANNING CODE, SECTION 302.

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2022 Supervisor Mandelman introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 220709, which would amend the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on June 15, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act Sections 15060(c) and 15378; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the Custodian of Records, at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare require the proposed amendment; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby **approves with modifications** the proposed ordinance. The Commission's proposed recommendation is as follows:

1. Remove non-residential use size limitations for Article 10 Landmarks in the Castro NCD.

Findings

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

The Castro NCD is both a neighborhood-serving shopping district and a destination for regional and national visitors. It has a vibrant mix of uses that meet daily needs - coffee shops, a hardware store, banks, a bookstore, a grocer, and pharmacies. And like all San Francisco neighborhoods, it has felt the impact of the pandemic and a changing retail sector. One of the few remaining business types that have been able to stay profitable are experiential in nature, for example Entertainment, Personal Service, and Eating & Drinking Establishments. The City also has an interest in land use policies that support a mix of retail so that the neighborhood can continue to both serve residents and draw visitors. The proposed Ordinance achieves this balance. A CUA process for new Nighttime Entertainment will ensure each proposed new Nighttime Entertainment use can be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine whether it would be appropriate for the neighborhood in its specific context.

General Plan Compliance

The proposed Ordinance and the Commission's recommended modification is consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 2

MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE A SOUND AND DIVERSE ECONOMIC BASE AND FISCAL STRUCTURE FOR THE CITY.

Policy 2.1

Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the city.

Policy 2.3

Maintain a favorable social and cultural climate in the city in order to enhance its attractiveness as a firm location.

Citywide data over the past decades shows that dining/drinking, personal services, and entertainment are the only retail subsections that have grown in the City's neighborhood commercial areas. Increasing the types of uses that may operate on the 2nd story in the Castro NCD to include Nighttime Entertainment will allow a use type to establish in the district that is known for bringing in tourists and locals alike. The residual effects of increased visitors to the district will benefit the struggling commercial businesses and potentially assist in reducing the number of storefront vacancies in the Castro NCD.

Planning Code Section 101 Findings

The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on neighborhood serving retail uses and will not have a negative effect on opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of neighborhood-serving retail.

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;

The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on housing or neighborhood character.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

The proposed Ordinance would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.

5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;

The proposed Ordinance would not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office

development, and future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors would not be impaired.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on City's preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

7. That the landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's Landmarks and historic buildings.

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development;

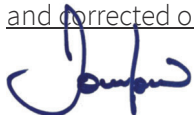
The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas.

Planning Code Section 302 Findings.

The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby APPROVES WITH MODIFICATIONS the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on June 15, 2023 and corrected on June 28, 2023.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

Jonas P Ionin Digitally signed by Jonas P Ionin
Date: 2023.06.29 10:49:52 -0700

AYES: Braun, Diamond, ~~Imperial~~, Koppel, ~~Moore~~, Tanner

NOES: ~~None~~ Imperial, Moore

ABSENT: Ruiz

ADOPTED: June 15, 2023

CORRECTED: June 28, 2023

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June 15, 2022

File No. 220709

Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer
Planning Department
49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On June 7, 2022, Supervisor Mandelman submitted the following legislation:

File No. 220709

Ordinance amending the Planning Code, to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

July 20, 2022

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Planning Commission
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The proposed ordinance is being transmitted for review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk
Land Use and Transportation Committee

c: Rich Hillis, Director
Tina Tam, Deputy Zoning Administrator
Corey Teague, Zoning Administrator
Lisa Gibson, Environmental Review Officer
Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer
AnMarie Rodgers, Director of Citywide Planning
Dan Sider, Chief of Staff
Aaron Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning

1 [Approval of a 90-Day Extension for Planning Commission Review of Nighttime Entertainment
2 Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District (File No. 220709)]

3 **Resolution extending by 90 days the prescribed time within which the Planning**
4 **Commission may render its decision on an Ordinance (File No. 220709) amending the**
5 **Planning Code, to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood**
6 **Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use**
7 **authorization on the second floor; affirming the Planning Department’s California**
8 **Environmental Quality Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302,**
9 **findings, and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight**
10 **priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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12 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2022, Supervisor Mandelman introduced legislation amending
13 the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood
14 Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on
15 the second floor, and affirming the Planning Department’s California Environmental Quality
16 Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302, findings, and making findings of
17 consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section
18 101.1; and

19 WHEREAS, On or about June 15, 2022, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors referred
20 the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission shall, in accordance with Planning Code,
22 Section 306.4(d), render a decision on the proposed Ordinance within 90 days from the date
23 of referral of the proposed amendment or modification by the Board to the Commission; and

24 WHEREAS, Failure of the Commission to act within 90 days shall be deemed to
25 constitute disapproval; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board, in accordance with Planning Code, Section 306.4(d) may, by
2 Resolution, extend the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission is to render its
3 decision on proposed amendments to the Planning Code, that the Board of Supervisors
4 initiates; and

5 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mandelman has requested additional time for the Planning
6 Commission to review the proposed Ordinance; and

7 WHEREAS, The Board deems it appropriate in this instance to grant to the Planning
8 Commission additional time to review the proposed Ordinance and render its decision; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That by this Resolution, the Board hereby extends the prescribed time
11 within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for
12 approximately 90 additional days, until December 12, 2022.



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File Number: 220862

Date Passed: July 26, 2022

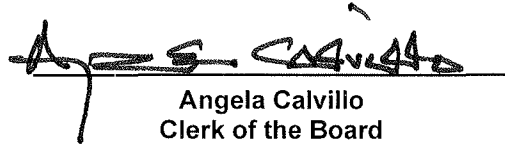
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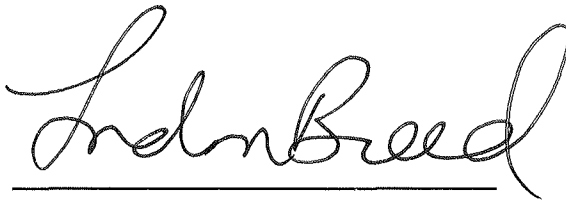
July 26, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 220862

I hereby certify that the foregoing
Resolution was ADOPTED on 7/26/2022 by
the Board of Supervisors of the City and
County of San Francisco.


Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board



London N. Breed
Mayor

8/4/22

Date Approved

1 [Approval of a Six-Month Extension for Planning Commission Review of Nighttime
2 Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District (File No. 220709)]

3 **Resolution extending by six months the prescribed time within which the Planning**
4 **Commission may render its decision on an Ordinance (File No. 220709) amending the**
5 **Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood**
6 **Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use**
7 **authorization on the second floor; affirming the Planning Department’s California**
8 **Environmental Quality Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302,**
9 **findings, and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight**
10 **priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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12 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2022, Supervisor Mandelman introduced legislation amending
13 the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood
14 Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on
15 the second floor, and affirming the Planning Department’s California Environmental Quality
16 Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302, findings, and making findings of
17 consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section
18 101.1; and

19 WHEREAS, On or about June 15, 2022, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors referred
20 the proposed Ordinance to the Planning Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission shall, in accordance with Planning Code,
22 Section 306.4(d), render a decision on the proposed Ordinance within 90 days from the date
23 of referral of the proposed amendment or modification by the Board to the Commission; and

24 WHEREAS, Failure of the Commission to act within 90 days shall be deemed to
25 constitute disapproval; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board, in accordance with Planning Code, Section 306.4(d) may, by
2 Resolution, extend the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission is to render its
3 decision on proposed amendments to the Planning Code that the Board of Supervisors
4 initiates; and

5 WHEREAS, The Board previously extended the prescribed time within which the
6 Planning Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for approximately
7 90 additional days, until December 12, 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mandelman has requested additional time for the Planning
9 Commission to review the proposed Ordinance; and

10 WHEREAS, The Board deems it appropriate in this instance to grant to the Planning
11 Commission additional time to review the proposed Ordinance and render its decision; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That by this Resolution, the Board hereby extends the prescribed time
14 within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for
15 approximately six additional months, until June 12, 2023.



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Resolution

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File Number: 221151

Date Passed: November 15, 2022

Resolution extending by six months the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on an Ordinance (File No. 220709) amending the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor; affirming the Planning Department's California Environmental Quality Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302, findings, and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

November 15, 2022 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 221151

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/15/2022 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

11/17/22

Date Approved

1 [Approval of a 60-Day Extension for Planning Commission Review of Nighttime Entertainment
2 Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District (File No. 220709)]

3 **Resolution extending by 60 days the prescribed time within which the Planning**
4 **Commission may render its decision on an Ordinance (File No. 220709) amending the**
5 **San Francisco Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street**
6 **Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional**
7 **Use authorization on the second floor, and affirming the Planning Department's**
8 **California Environmental Quality Act determination; and making Planning Code,**
9 **Section 302, findings, and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and**
10 **the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.**

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12 WHEREAS, On June 7, 2022, Supervisor Mandelman introduced legislation amending
13 the Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood
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15 the second floor, and affirming the Planning Department's California Environmental Quality
16 Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302, findings, and making findings of
17 consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section
18 101.1; and

19 WHEREAS, On or about June 15, 2022, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors referred
20 the proposed ordinance to the Planning Commission; and

21 WHEREAS, The Planning Commission shall, in accordance with Planning Code,
22 Section 306.4(d), render a decision on the proposed Ordinance within 90 days from the date
23 of referral of the proposed amendment or modification by the Board to the Commission; and

24 WHEREAS, Failure of the Commission to act within 90 days shall be deemed to
25 constitute disapproval; and

1 WHEREAS, The Board, in accordance with Planning Code Section 306.4(d) may, by
2 Resolution, extend the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission is to render its
3 decision on proposed amendments to the Planning Code that the Board of Supervisors
4 initiates; and

5 WHEREAS, The Board previously extended the prescribed time within which the
6 Planning Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for approximately
7 90 additional days, until December 12, 2022; and

8 WHEREAS, The Board again extended the prescribed time within which the Planning
9 Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for an additional six months,
10 until June 12, 2023; and

11 WHEREAS, Supervisor Mandelman has requested additional time for the Planning
12 Commission to review the proposed Ordinance; and

13 WHEREAS, The Board deems it appropriate in this instance to grant to the Planning
14 Commission additional time to review the proposed Ordinance and render its decision; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That by this Resolution, the Board hereby extends the prescribed time
17 within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for
18 approximately 60 additional days, until August 11, 2023.



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Tails
Resolution

File Number: 230603

Date Passed: June 06, 2023

Resolution extending by 60 days the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on an Ordinance (File No. 220709) amending the San Francisco Planning Code to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor, and affirming the Planning Department's California Environmental Quality Act determination; and making Planning Code, Section 302, findings, and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

June 06, 2023 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 10 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Safai, Stefani and Walton
Excused: 1 - Ronen

File No. 230603

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 6/6/2023 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

f Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed
Mayor

6/16/23

Date Approved



October 16, 2023

File #:220709 SUPPORT

Dear President Peskin, and Supervisors Melgar and Preston,

This letter is written to express the support of the Castro Community Benefit District Board of Directors for the ordinance amending the Planning Code to change the zoning in the Castro Neighborhood Commercial District to allow for nighttime entertainment and the service of alcohol on the second floor. This will allow for the Castro Theatre to be used to its full potential whether showing films or hosting live entertainment in the Theatre. It will also allow for increased vibrancy in the Castro NCD, and all businesses will benefit.

Before taking this vote, the CBD's executive director spoke to several bar owners near the Castro Theatre. None opposed this change. Several spoke to the belief that they will get spillover customers and that pre-pandemic, the Theatre often had special catering permits to serve alcohol on the second floor. They did not believe that this change would threaten their business, but would rather formalize a practice that was taking place through temporary and cumbersome permitting.

Thank you for your time considering this matter and please take a step in supporting vibrancy in the Castro and support this zoning change.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Andrea Aiello at andrea@castrocbd.org or 415-500-1181.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Aiello".

Andrea Aiello
Executive Director

cc: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Castro Community Benefit District
693 14th Street
San Francisco, CA 94114
www.castrocbd.org
415.500.1181



Save the CASTRO THEATRE



September 5, 2023

Chair Myrna Melgar
SF Board of Supervisors, Land Use Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., Rm 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File No. 220709 – Protecting Community Access at the Castro Theatre

Chair Melgar, Land Use Committee Members, and Supervisor Mandelman:

Regarding File No. 220709 [Planning Code – Nighttime Entertainment Castro St NCD], the above and below signed organizations urge the Committee to enhance community access to the Castro Theatre by amending the legislation to prohibit private events not open to the general public.

We support the intent and purpose of this legislation, which would allow for public activation of under-utilized second story space for nighttime entertainment purposes (subject to Conditional Use authorization.) But allowing that use to be satisfied by private events not open to the general public is inconsistent with that purpose.

Relative to the Castro Theatre, which was the catalyst for this legislation, on June 15, 2023, Another Planet Entertainment (APE) was granted Conditional Use authorization *contingent on the Board’s adoption of this legislation*. Among the conditions set forth in the CU, condition 16B provides as follows:

In order to ensure that the facility continues to contribute to the cultural richness of the neighborhood and the viability of surrounding small businesses, no fewer than 180 days of each calendar year must include events that are open to the general public or to private parties. No fewer than 90 of those days must include events that are open to the general public, including events for which tickets are available for purchase by the public. (Emphasis added.)

Allowing APE to satisfy a full half of their obligation with private events closed to the public would potentially leave the theatre closed to the public for 275 days out of the year. At the Planning Commission hearing on APE’s application for CU, APE represented to the Commission that they are “not in the business” of hosting private events (although their website for the Fox Theater in Oakland suggests [otherwise](#).) If it is not APE’s intent to host private events at the theatre, then we suggest that be made clear in the law itself, to prevent any successor in interest from foreclosing access to the general public.

We believe this amendment is well-suited for the authorizing ordinance. It will safeguard the community from having to advocate for this essential public benefit at every hearing on a CU application for second story nighttime entertainment use.



Save the
**CASTRO
THEATRE**



As to whether this was properly addressed during the CU hearing, it was not a central part of the discussion before the Planning Commission. Had it been, we are confident the Commission would have agreed that general public access should be prioritized to a greater degree. However, because this was presented to the Commission generally, **we would disagree that this requires re-referral to the Planning Commission**, and it is not our intent to re-litigate the broader CU authorization.

Sincerely,

Friends of the Castro Theatre
San Francisco Heritage
Castro LGBTQ Cultural District
Castro Theatre Conservancy
San Franciscans to Save the Castro Theatre
Katherine Petrin, Architectural Historian and Preservation Planner
Terrance Alan

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DATE: October 18, 2023

TO: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Myrna Melgar, Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee

RE: Land Use and Transportation Committee
COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matters are of urgent nature and request them be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, October 24, 2023, as Committee Reports:

File No. 220709

Planning Code - Nighttime Entertainment Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District

Sponsor: Mandelman

Ordinance amending the Planning Code, to change the zoning controls in the Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial District to allow Nighttime Entertainment with a Conditional Use authorization on the second floor; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

File No. 230924

Planning Code, Zoning Map - Non-Profit Arts Education Special Use District

Sponsor: Peskin

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to create the Non-Profit Arts Education Special Use District (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 49, Lot No. 1, generally bounded by Francisco Street, Jones Street, Chestnut Street, and Leavenworth Street, and numbered as 800 Chestnut Street); amending the Zoning Map to show the Non-Profit Arts Education Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.

These matters will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 1:30 p.m.

Introduction Form

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp
or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).
- 2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
- 3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
- 4. Request for letter beginning : "Supervisor inquiries"
- 5. City Attorney Request.
- 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- 7. Budget Analyst request (attached written motion).
- 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- 9. Reactivate File No.
- 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the BOS on

Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

- Small Business Commission
- Youth Commission
- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

The text is listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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