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Case No. Case No. 2016-010378GPR
Leasing of space at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General
Hospital and Trauma Center for installation
of communications equipment

Block/Lot No.: 4154/001

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Applicant: Same as Above

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Recommendation: Finding the project, on balance, is in conformity with
the General Plan

Recommended
By: 
John Rahaim, Director of Planning

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project proposes leasing space at the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, Building 25, within the building's distributed antenna system ("DAS") for installation of communications facilities for paging and cellular communications for City and UCSF staff (doctors, nurses, etc.), patients and visitors of numerous vendors.

The submittal is for a General Plan Referral to recommend whether the Project is in conformity with the General Plan, pursuant to Section 4.105 of the Charter, and Section 2A.52 and 2A.53 of the Administrative Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

On August 24, 2016 the Environmental Planning Division of the Planning Department determined that the project is categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303 (Planning Case No. 2016-010378GPR).

GENERAL PLAN COMPLIANCE AND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The project is the lease of space at the, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center for installation of communications equipment. The Project is consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 as described in the body of this letter and is, on balance, **in-conformity** with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

Note: General Plan Objectives and Policies are in **bold font**, General Plan text in regular font; staff comments are in *italic font*.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

OBJECTIVE 1

REDUCE STRUCTURAL, AND NON-STRUCTURAL HAZARDS TO LIFE SAFETY AND MINIMIZE PROPERTY DAMAGE RESULTING FROM FUTURE DISASTERS.

POLICY 1.20

Increase communication capabilities in preparation for all phases of a disaster, and ensure communication abilities extend to hard-to-reach areas and special populations.

Strong communication systems are critical to a City's functioning in a hazard scenario. Communication will be necessary in the response phase immediately following a disaster, and continued conveyance of recovery efforts and their progress is an important aspect of the reconstruction period.

In case of a disaster, the communication abilities of a Public Health Center will be fundamental in the coordination of available resources and resumption of social services.

OBJECTIVE 2

BE PREPARED FOR THE ONSET OF DISASTER BY PROVIDING PUBLIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING ABOUT EARTHQUAKES AND OTHER NATURAL AND MAN-MADE DISASTERS, BY READYING THE CITY'S INFRASTRUCTURE, AND BY ENSURING THE NECESSARY COORDINATION IS IN PLACE FOR A READY RESPONSE.

POLICY 2.15

Utilize advancing technology to enhance communication capabilities in preparation for all phases of a disaster, particularly in the high-contact period immediately following a disaster.

In case of a disaster, the communication abilities of a Public Health Center will be fundamental in the coordination of available resources and resumption of social services. The installation of the communication equipment on the proposed leased space would benefit UCSF staff and personnel, as well as patients and visitors.

PROPOSITION M FINDINGS – PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1

Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes Eight Priority Policies and requires review of discretionary approvals and permits for consistency with said policies. The Project, the lease of space at the, Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center for installation of communications equipment is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies as set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 for the following reasons:

Eight Priority Policies Findings

The subject project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 in that:

The proposed project is found to be consistent with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 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 Project would have no impact, adverse or otherwise, to existing and future neighborhood-serving retail uses and opportunities will be preserved for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses.

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

The Project would have no adverse effect on the existing housing or neighborhood character.

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

The Project would have no 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 Project would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI's transit service, overburdening the streets or altering current 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 residential employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The Project would not affect the existing economic base in this area.

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

The Project would not adversely affect achieving the greatest possible preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake. All carriers are required to install their equipment according to local, state and federal (FCC) codes and regulations.

7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

The Project would not have an adverse impact on any landmarks or historic buildings. The proposed lease is located in Building 25, a newly constructed building. In addition, all of the carriers' equipment is being installed within the interior of the building.

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

The Project would have no adverse effect on parks and open space or their access to sunlight and vista.

RECOMMENDATION:

**Finding the Project, on balance, in-conformity with the
General Plan**

cc: Claudia Gorham, Real Estate Division

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