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## REVISED Certificate of Determination Community Plan Evaluation

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*Case No.:* 2014.0999ENV  
*Project Address:* 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
*Zoning:* UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District  
68-X Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 4023/004A  
*Lot Size:* 15,000 square feet  
*Plan Area:* Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan, Mission Subarea  
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**THIS COMMUNITY PLAN EVALUATION (CPE) SUPERSEDES THE CPE THAT WAS PUBLISHED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2017. FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE PREVIOUS CPE, THE PROPOSED PROJECT WAS REVISED.**

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 15,000-square-foot (sf) project site is on the northeast corner of the intersection of Bryant Street and 19th Street in the Mission neighborhood. The project site is currently occupied by three, one-story, 22-foot-tall industrial buildings built between 1880 and 1914, totaling 10,935 sf of Production, Distribution and Repair (PDR) uses. The project site is located in the UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District and a 68-X Height and Bulk District.

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### CEQA DETERMINATION

The project is eligible for streamlined environmental review per Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and California Public Resources Code Section 21083.3

### DETERMINATION

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to state and local requirements.

  
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Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer

5/30/18  
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Date

cc: Steve Perry, Project Sponsor; Supervisor Malia Cohen, District 10; Ella Samonsky, Current Planning Division; Virna Byrd, M.D.F.; Exemption/Exclusion File

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposed project would include the demolition of the three existing industrial buildings, retention of the principal two-story façade along 19<sup>th</sup> and Bryant streets, and construction of a six-story, 68-foot-tall (77-foot, 7-inch tall with rooftop equipment) mixed-use building with approximately 10,000 square feet of ground-floor PDR, 60 residential units (35 one-bedroom units and 25 two-bedroom units) above and bicycle and vehicle parking in a basement (Figures 2-8). The proposed project would include 3,200 sf of common open space on the second floor and a 4,800 sf roof deck. The residential lobby entrance would be located on Bryant Street and basement vehicle parking entry would be located on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The proposed project would include 60 Class 1 bicycle parking spaces in the basement, three Class 2 bicycle parking spaces along 19<sup>th</sup> Street, and 26 vehicle parking spaces in the basement.<sup>1</sup> The proposed project would remove an existing curb cut on Bryant Street and would retain an existing 10-foot curb cut off of 19<sup>th</sup> Street that would be used for the proposed garage entrance. Construction of the project would require approximately 8,533 cubic yards of excavation to a depth of approximately 15 feet and would last approximately 18 months. The proposed project would be built upon a mat-slab foundation with a series of inter-connected, reinforced concrete footings.

## PROJECT APPROVAL

The proposed project requires Large Project Authorization (LPA) from the Planning Commission. The granting of the LPA shall be the Approval Action for the proposed project. The Approval Action date establishes the start of the 30-day appeal period for this CEQA determination pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

## COMMUNITY PLAN EVALUATION OVERVIEW

California Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 provide that projects that are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan or general plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified, shall not be subject to additional environmental review except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site. Section 15183 specifies that examination of environmental effects shall be limited to those effects that: a) are peculiar to the project or parcel on which the project would be located; b) were not analyzed as significant effects in a prior EIR on the zoning action, general plan or community plan with which the project is consistent; c) are potentially significant off-site and cumulative impacts that were not discussed in the underlying EIR; or d) are previously identified in the EIR, but which, as a result of substantial new information that was not known at the time that the EIR was certified, are determined to have a more severe adverse impact than that discussed in the underlying EIR. Section 15183(c) specifies that if an impact is not peculiar to the parcel or to the proposed project, then an EIR need not be prepared for the project solely on the basis of that impact.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 155.1(a) of the planning code defines class 1 bicycle spaces as “spaces in secure, weather-protected facilities intended for use as long-term, overnight, and work-day bicycle storage by dwelling unit residents, nonresidential occupants, and employees” and defines class 2 bicycle spaces as “spaces located in a publicly-accessible, highly visible location intended for transient or short-term use by visitors, guests, and patrons to the building or use.”

This determination evaluates the potential project-specific environmental effects of the 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street project described above, and incorporates by reference information contained in the Programmatic EIR for the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans (PEIR).<sup>2</sup> Project-specific studies were prepared for the proposed project to determine if the project would result in any significant environmental impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

After several years of analysis, community outreach, and public review, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was adopted in December 2008. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was adopted in part to support housing development in some areas previously zoned to allow industrial uses, while preserving an adequate supply of space for existing and future production, distribution, and repair (PDR) employment and businesses. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR also included changes to existing height and bulk districts in some areas, including the project site at 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Planning Commission held public hearings to consider the various aspects of the proposed Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans and related Planning Code and Zoning Map amendments. On August 7, 2008, the Planning Commission certified the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR by Motion 17659 and adopted the Preferred Project for final recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.<sup>3,4</sup>

In December 2008, after further public hearings, the Board of Supervisors approved and the Mayor signed the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Planning Code amendments. New zoning districts include districts that would permit PDR uses in combination with commercial uses; districts mixing residential and commercial uses and residential and PDR uses; and new residential-only districts. The districts replaced existing industrial, commercial, residential single-use, and mixed-use districts.

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR is a comprehensive programmatic document that presents an analysis of the environmental effects of implementation of the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, as well as the potential impacts under several proposed alternative scenarios. The Eastern Neighborhoods Draft EIR evaluated three rezoning alternatives, two community-proposed alternatives which focused largely on the Mission District, and a “No Project” alternative. The alternative selected, or the Preferred Project, represents a combination of Options B and C. The Planning Commission adopted the Preferred Project after fully considering the environmental effects of the Preferred Project and the various scenarios discussed in the PEIR. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR estimated that implementation of the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan could result in approximately 7,400 to 9,900 net dwelling units and 3,200,000 to 6,600,000 square feet of net non-residential space (excluding PDR loss) built in the Plan Area throughout the lifetime of the Plan (year 2025). The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR projected that this level of development would result in a total population increase of approximately 23,900 to 33,000 people throughout the lifetime of the plan.<sup>5</sup>

A major issue of discussion in the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning process was the degree to which existing industrially-zoned land would be rezoned to primarily residential and mixed-use districts, thus reducing the availability of land traditionally used for PDR employment and businesses. Among other

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<sup>2</sup> Planning Department Case No. 2004.0160E and State Clearinghouse No. 2005032048

<sup>3</sup> San Francisco Planning Department. Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), Planning Department Case No. 2004.0160E, certified August 7, 2008. Available online at: <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1893>, accessed August 17, 2012.

<sup>4</sup> San Francisco Planning Department. San Francisco Planning Commission Motion 17659, August 7, 2008. Available online at: <http://www.sf-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1268>, accessed August 17, 2012.

<sup>5</sup> Table 2 Forecast Growth by Rezoning Option Chapter IV of the Eastern Neighborhoods Draft EIR shows projected net growth based on proposed rezoning scenarios. A baseline for existing conditions in the year 2000 was included to provide context for the scenario figures for parcels affected by the rezoning.

topics, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR assesses the significance of the cumulative land use effects of the rezoning by analyzing its effects on the City's ability to meet its future PDR space needs as well as its ability to meet its housing needs as expressed in the City's General Plan.

As a result of the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning process, the project site has been rezoned to UMU (Urban Mixed Use) District. The UMU District is intended to promote a vibrant mix of uses while maintaining the characteristics of this formerly industrially-zoned area. It is also intended to serve as a buffer between residential districts and PDR districts in the Eastern Neighborhoods. The proposed project and its relation to PDR land supply and cumulative land use effects is discussed further in the Community Plan Evaluation (CPE) Checklist, under Land Use. The 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street site, which is located in the Mission District of the Eastern Neighborhoods, was designated as a site with building up to 68 feet in height.

Individual projects that could occur in the future under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans will undergo project-level environmental evaluation to determine if they would result in further impacts specific to the development proposal, the site, and the time of development and to assess whether additional environmental review would be required. This determination concludes that the proposed project at 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street is consistent with and was encompassed within the analysis in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR, including the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR development projections. This determination also finds that the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR adequately anticipated and described the impacts of the proposed 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street project and identified the mitigation measures applicable to the 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street project. The proposed project is also consistent with the zoning controls and the provisions of the Planning Code applicable to the project site.<sup>6,7</sup> Therefore, no further CEQA evaluation for the 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street project is required. In sum, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and this Certificate of Determination and accompanying project-specific initial study comprise the full and complete CEQA evaluation necessary for the proposed project.

## PROJECT SETTING

The 15,000-square-foot (sf) project site is on the northeast corner of the intersection of Bryant Street and 19th Street in the Mission neighborhood. The project site is currently occupied by three, one-story, 22-foot-tall industrial buildings built in 1907, totaling 10,935 sf of Production, Distribution and Repair uses. The project site is located in the UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District and a 68-X Height and Bulk District.

The project vicinity is a mix of residential, industrial and commercial uses. The industrial and commercial businesses in the project vicinity are mostly housed in one- and two-story structures. The residential buildings range from two to five stories in height.

Immediately adjacent to the north of the project site is a two-story, approximately 25-foot-tall commercial building constructed in 1964. Immediately adjacent to the project site to the east is a one-story, approximately 20-foot-tall commercial building constructed in 1908. At the northwest intersection of

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<sup>6</sup> Steve Wertheim, San Francisco Planning Department, Community Plan Evaluation Eligibility Determination, Citywide Planning and Policy Analysis, 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street, March 23, 2017. This document (and all other documents cited in this report, unless otherwise noted), is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2014.0999ENV.

<sup>7</sup> Jeff Joslin, San Francisco Planning Department, Community Plan Evaluation Eligibility Determination, Current Planning Analysis, 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street, February 22, 2016.

Bryant and 19 streets, which is across the street to the west of the project site, are three residential properties: a two-story, approximately 25-foot-tall building built in 1907, a three-story, approximately 40-foot-tall building built in 1900, and a two-story, approximately 22-foot-tall building built in 1907. A portion of a two-story, approximately 30-foot-tall industrial building built in 1934 is located across Bryant Street from the project site. Across 19<sup>th</sup> Street, to the south of the project site, is a four-story, approximately 60-foot-tall mixed-use residential building constructed in 1919.

The project site is served by transit lines (Muni lines 8, 9, 9R, 14X, 27, and 33) and bicycle facilities (there are bike lanes on 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, Folsom and Harrison streets). Zoning districts in the vicinity of the project site are UMU, PDR-1-G (Production, Distribution and Repair-1-General) and RH-2 (Residential-Housing-Two Family). Height and bulk districts in the project vicinity include 40-X, 58-X, 65-X, and 68-X.

## POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR included analyses of environmental issues including: land use; plans and policies; visual quality and urban design; population, housing, business activity, and employment (growth inducement); transportation; noise; air quality; parks, recreation and open space; shadow; archeological resources; historic architectural resources; hazards; and other issues not addressed in the previously issued initial study for the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans. The proposed 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street project is in conformance with the height, use and density for the site described in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and would represent a small part of the growth that was forecast for the Eastern Neighborhoods plan areas. Thus, the plan analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR considered the incremental impacts of the proposed 2750 19<sup>th</sup> Street project. As a result, the proposed project would not result in any new or substantially more severe impacts than were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Significant and unavoidable impacts were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR for the following topics: land use, historic architectural resources, transportation and circulation, and shadow. The proposed project would include displacement of approximately 11,000 of existing PDR use. The proposed project, which includes 10,000 square feet of PDR uses, would result in a net loss of 1,000 square feet of PDR uses. However, the net loss of approximately 1,000 square feet of PDR building space would not constitute a cumulatively considerable contribution to the significant and unavoidable land use impact identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR. Additionally, as discussed in the CPE initial study, the proposed project would not impact a historical resource, and therefore would not contribute to the significant and unavoidable historic architectural resources impact identified in the PEIR. The proposed project would not generate cumulatively considerable new transit trips, and would therefore not contribute to the significant and unavoidable transportation impacts identified in the PEIR. As the shadow analysis contained in the CPE initial study describes, the proposed project would not cast substantial new shadow that would negatively affect the use and enjoyment of a recreational resource, and would therefore not contribute to the significant and unavoidable shadow impacts described in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified feasible mitigation measures to address significant impacts related to noise, air quality, archeological resources, historical resources, hazardous materials, and transportation. **Table 1** below lists the mitigation measures identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and states whether each measure would apply to the proposed project.

**Table 1 – Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measures**

<b>Mitigation Measure</b>	<b>Applicability to Project</b>	<b>Compliance</b>
<b>F. Noise</b>		
F-1: Construction Noise (Pile Driving)	Not Applicable: pile driving not proposed	N/A
F-2: Construction Noise	Applicable: temporary construction noise from use of heavy equipment	The project sponsor has agreed to Project Mitigation Measure 2: Construction Noise.
F-3: Interior Noise Levels	Not Applicable: The proposed project would be required to meet the Interior Noise Standards of Title 24 of the California Building Code.	N/A
F-4: Siting of Noise-Sensitive Uses	Not Applicable: The proposed project would be required to meet the Interior Noise Standards of Title 24 of the California Building Code	N/A
F-5: Siting of Noise-Generating Uses	Applicable for Project: includes PDR, a use that would generate noise at a level that could increase the ambient noise level in the project vicinity.	Project sponsor prepared an acoustic study consistent with Mitigation Measure F-5. Acoustic study found that the project would not exceed applicable standards in the Noise Ordinance.
F-6: Open Space in Noisy Environments	Not Applicable: CEQA no longer requires the consideration of the effects of the existing environment on a proposed project's future users or residents where that project would not exacerbate existing noise levels	N/A
<b>G. Air Quality</b>		
G-1: Construction Air Quality	Not Applicable: proposed project does not meet BAAQMD screening levels and is not located in Air Pollution Exposure Zone (APEZ).	N/A
G-2: Air Quality for Sensitive Land	Not Applicable: superseded by applicable Article 38	N/A

Mitigation Measure	Applicability to Project	Compliance
Uses	requirements	
G-3: Siting of Uses that Emit DPM	Not Applicable: the proposed uses are not expected to emit substantial levels of DPM	N/A
G-4: Siting of Uses that Emit other TACs	Not Applicable: proposed project would not include a backup diesel generator or other use that emits TACs	N/A
<b>J. Archeological Resources</b>		
J-1: Properties with Previous Studies	Not Applicable: The project site is not located in an area with a previous archeological study.	N/A
J-2: Properties with no Previous Studies	Applicable: The project site is located in an area with no previous archeological study.	Project Mitigation Measure 1: Archeological Resources agreed to by project sponsor.
J-3: Mission Dolores Archeological District	Not Applicable: The project site is not located in the Mission Dolores Archeological District	N/A
<b>K. Historical Resources</b>		
K-1: Interim Procedures for Permit Review in the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan area	Not Applicable: plan-level mitigation completed by Planning Department	N/A
K-2: Amendments to Article 10 of the Planning Code Pertaining to Vertical Additions in the South End Historic District (East SoMa)	Not Applicable: plan-level mitigation completed by Planning Commission	N/A
K-3: Amendments to Article 10 of the Planning Code Pertaining to Alterations and Infill Development in the Dogpatch Historic District (Central Waterfront)	Not Applicable: plan-level mitigation completed by Planning Commission	N/A
<b>L. Hazardous Materials</b>		
L-1: Hazardous Building Materials	Applicable: Proposed project includes demolition of an existing building.	Project Mitigation Measure 3: Hazardous Building Materials agreed to by project sponsor.
<b>E. Transportation</b>		

Mitigation Measure	Applicability to Project	Compliance
E-1: Traffic Signal Installation	Not Applicable: automobile delay removed from CEQA analysis	N/A
E-2: Intelligent Traffic Management	Not Applicable: automobile delay removed from CEQA analysis	N/A
E-3: Enhanced Funding	Not Applicable: automobile delay removed from CEQA analysis	N/A
E-4: Intelligent Traffic Management	Not Applicable: automobile delay removed from CEQA analysis	N/A
E-5: Enhanced Transit Funding	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A
E-6: Transit Corridor Improvements	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A
E-7: Transit Accessibility	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A
E-8: Muni Storage and Maintenance	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A
E-9: Rider Improvements	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A
E-10: Transit Enhancement	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A
E-11: Transportation Demand Management	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA	N/A

Please see the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the complete text of the applicable mitigation measures. With implementation of these mitigation measures the proposed project would not result in significant impacts beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

## PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT

A “Notification of Project Receiving Environmental Review” was mailed on December 3, 2015 to adjacent occupants and owners of properties within 300 feet of the project site. Overall, concerns and issues raised by the public in response to the notice were taken into consideration and incorporated in the environmental review as appropriate for CEQA analysis. Commenters expressed concerns about



potential shadow impacts, traffic impacts, and air quality impacts from vehicle emissions, and potential wind effects. The Community Plan Evaluation checklist for the proposed project includes analysis of these potential impacts and found that the proposed project would not result in any new, or more severe, impacts in these resource areas that were not disclosed in the Eastern Neighborhoods EIR. There were also comments that were not related to CEQA, including concerns about the physical size of the project, the proposed project's impacts on nearby property values, and the project's compliance with Mission Area Plan policies and objectives. The proposed project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the issues identified by the public beyond those identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

## CONCLUSION

As summarized above and further discussed in the CPE Checklist<sup>8</sup>:

1. The proposed project is consistent with the development density established for the project site in the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans;
2. The proposed project would not result in effects on the environment that are peculiar to the project, or the project site that were not identified as significant effects in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR;
3. The proposed project would not result in potentially significant off-site or cumulative impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR;
4. The proposed project would not result in significant effects, which, as a result of substantial new information that was not known at the time the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was certified, would be more severe than were already analyzed and disclosed in the PEIR; and
5. The project sponsor will undertake feasible mitigation measures specified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR to mitigate project-related significant impacts.

Therefore, no further environmental review shall be required for the proposed project pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.

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<sup>8</sup> The CPE Checklist is available for review at the Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, in Case File No. 2014.0999ENV.