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OTHER	: Lisa Lew	Date:	July 24, 2020
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1	[Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Categorical Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street]
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3	Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the determination
4	by the Planning Department that the proposed project at 2651-2653 Octavia Street is
5	categorically exempt from further environmental review.
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7	WHEREAS, On September 5, 2019, the Planning Department issued a CEQA
8	Categorical Exemption Determination for the proposed project located at 2651-2653 Octavia
9	Street ("Project") under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA
10	Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 31; and
11	WHEREAS, The project site is located on the block bounded by Green Street to the
12	north, Octavia Street to the east, Vallejo Street to the south, and Laguna Street to the west, in
13	the Pacific Heights neighborhood; the approximately 3,100-square-foot project site is within
14	the Residential, House, Two-Family (RH-2) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk
15	District; the project site is currently occupied by a two-family residence; and
16	WHEREAS, The Project includes the construction a fourth-floor-level vertical and
17	horizontal addition to an existing 37-foot-tall (inclusive of a 7-foot-tall mansard roof), three-
18	story, 4,151-gross-square-foot two-family residence constructed in 1950, resulting in a 40-
19	foot-tall (exclusive of a 3.5-foot-tall parapet and clear glass guardrail on the roof deck), four-
20	story, 6,512-gross-square-foot two family residence; the project construction would involve
21	localized excavation for new foundation and possible excavation to replace existing
22	foundations in kind, resulting in a total of approximately 15 to 30 cubic yards of soil excavated,
23	at an average depth of 1.5 feet; and
24	WHEREAS, The Planning Department, pursuant to Title 14 of the CEQA Guidelines
25	(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15300-15333),

1	issued a categorical exemption for the Project on September 5, 2019, finding that the
2	proposed project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class
3	1 categorical exemption (alteration and addition to an existing structure) and that no further
4	environmental review was required; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2020, the Planning Commission passed a resolution denying a discretionary review request at a public hearing (Planning Department Case No. 2018-011022DRP), which constituted the approval action for the project under CEQA; and WHEREAS, On March 6, 2020, Maureen Holt, Elizabeth Reilly, Paul Guermonprez, and Jack Fowler (collectively, "Appellant") filed an appeal of the September 5, 2019, categorical exemption to the board; and

WHEREAS, By memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated March 12, 2020, the Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer determined that the appeal was timely filed; and

WHEREAS, On July 28, 2020, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellant; and

WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letter, the responses to the appeal documents that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to the exemption determination appeal; and

WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors conditionally reversed the exemption determination subject to the adoption of written findings of the Board in support of such determination based on the written record before the Board of Supervisors, as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal; and

WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 200284, and is incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the findings specifying the basis for its decision on the appeal of the exemption determination issued by the Planning Department for the Project. n:\land\as2020\1900434\01464495.docx 

## **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. from Committee. 6. Call File No. 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 **Building Inspection Commission** Planning Commission Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form. Sponsor(s): Clerk of the Board Subject: Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Categorical Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street The text is listed: Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the determination by the Planning Department that the proposed project at 2651-2653 Octavia Street is categorically exempt from further environmental review. Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

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