

1 [Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Planning Department Determination of Exemption for  
2 the 424 Francisco Street Project]

3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the exemption**  
4 **determination by the Planning Department that the project located at 424 Francisco**  
5 **Street is exempt from environmental review.**

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7 WHEREAS, On or about March 10, 2010, the Planning Department approved a project  
8 to install a garage in the existing multi-family residential building located at 424 Francisco  
9 Street (the "Project") and, as indicated by an exemption determination stamp on the building  
10 permit, determined that the Project was exempt from environmental review under the  
11 California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco  
12 Administrative Code Chapter 31 as a Class 1 categorical exemption, for a minor alteration of  
13 an existing facility (the "exemption determination"). By letters to the Clerk of the Board,  
14 Malcolm Yeung, on behalf of the Chinatown Community Development Center, and Vedica  
15 Puri, on behalf of the Telegraph Hill Dwellers, (collectively, "Appellants"), received by the  
16 Clerk's Office on or around March 30, 2010, appealed the exemption determination; and

17 WHEREAS, On May 11, 2010, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider  
18 the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellants, and following the public hearing  
19 reversed the exemption determination; and

20 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board  
21 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letters, the responses to  
22 concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before  
23 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to  
24 the exemption determination appeal. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the  
25 Board of Supervisors reversed the exemption determination for the Project based on the

1 written record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public  
2 hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal. The written record and oral testimony in  
3 support of and opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the  
4 public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and  
5 opposed to the appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of  
6 Supervisors File No. 100415 and in the Planning Department files, which are available for  
7 public review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and  
8 are incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it

9           MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the  
10 findings specifying the basis for its decision on the appeal of the exemption determination  
11 issued by the Planning Department for the Project.

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