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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: April 7, 2025

SUBJECT COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

The following file should be presented as COMMITTEE REPORT during the Board meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. This ordinance was acted upon during the Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., by the votes indicated.

BOS Item No. 23 File No. 250125

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District] Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to establish the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District, encompassing the real property consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008, to allow the legalization of the longstanding office uses at the site by principally permitting office uses on all floors and waiving or reducing the bicycle parking, open space, streetscape, Transportation Demand Management, and impact fee requirements; 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 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

#### RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Myrna Melgar – Aye Supervisor Chyanne Chen – Aye Supervisor Bilal Mahmood – Aye

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

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9	Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making				
10	findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of				
11	Planning Code, Section 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience,				
12	and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.				
13	NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font.  Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> .				
14	Deletions to Codes are in <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</u> .  Board amendment additions are in <u>double-underlined Arial font</u> .				
15	Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font.  Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code				
16	subsections or parts of tables.				
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18	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:				
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20	Section 1. Land Use and Environmental Findings.				
21	(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this				
22	ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources				
23	Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of				
24	Supervisors in File No. 250125 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms				
25	this determination.				

(b) On March 27, 2025, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21712, adopted

- 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. 250125, and is incorporated herein by reference.
- (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the actions contemplated in this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 21712, and adopts 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. 250125, and is incorporated herein by reference.
  - Section 2. Background and General Findings.
- (a) 600 Townsend Street West (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008) and 600 Townsend Street East (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 007) are located on adjacent lots. 600 Townsend Street West is five stories plus a basement; 600 Townsend Street East is four stories plus a basement. An arcade and pedestrian bridge connect the two buildings. As originally constructed, the two buildings contained Production, Distribution, and Repair Uses.
- (b) The building at 600 Townsend Street East was determined to have legally converted to office use in the 1980s. However, the building at 600 Townsend Street West converted to Office Use in the 1990s without required authorizations. Since the 1990s, the Department of Building Inspection has issued numerous building permits for tenant improvements of the office space at both buildings.
- (c) In 2008, both 600 Townsend Street West and 600 Townsend Street East were rezoned to the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) District as part of the Eastern Neighborhoods Area

- Plan. Office Uses in the UMU District are subject to controls that restrict the amount of office space in a building relative to the number of building stories. For buildings five to seven stories in height (including the building at 600 Townsend Street West), Office Uses are limited to two floors and not permitted on the ground floor.
- (d) On November 7, 2019, the Zoning Administrator issued a Letter of Determination finding that 600 Townsend Street East contained both legal conforming and legal non-conforming Office Use. However, the Office Use at 600 Townsend Street West was never legally established under the Planning Code. Consequently, 600 Townsend Street East can operate office uses on all floors of the building, while Office Use at 600 Townsend Street West may only be authorized for two floors and is not permitted on the ground floor.
- (e) Given 600 Townsend Street West's longstanding operation as an office building, its permitting history, and its close operational relationship with 600 Townsend Street East, legalizing all five floors of office space at 600 Townsend Street West would serve the public interest. To achieve that end, this ordinance creates the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District ("SUD"), which makes Office Use principally permitted on all floors of the building. The SUD also reduces the usable open space requirement for non-residential uses at the site and waives Class 2 bicycle parking requirements and streetscape and pedestrian improvements.
- (f) The SUD also reduces development impact fees to the levels that would have been required in 2012 under the Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program (Planning Code Section 179.1), adjusted for inflation per the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program was a time-limited program that enabled existing uses operating without the benefit of a required permit to obtain those permits, and fixed certain impact fee rates at those amounts applicable immediately prior to the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning. Though the Program expired in 2012, applying these fee rates (in

1	Planning Code Section 179.1), adjusted for inflation, is consistent with the treatment of other
2	legitimized Office Uses in the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan.
3	(g) Additionally, in 2023, the City enacted Ordinance No. 20-23 (Planning Code
4	Section 403), which provides a time-limited 33% reduction of impact fees for projects that
5	meet prescribed milestones. The SUD applies the 33% reduction to the adjusted 2012
6	Eastern Neighborhood Legitimization Program rates, and provides that no further reductions
7	or offsets are available under the Planning Code.
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9	Section 3. The Planning Code is hereby amended by adding Section 249.10 and
10	revising Sections 249.45, 803.9, and 838, to read as follows:
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12	SEC. 249.10. 600 TOWNSEND STREET WEST SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.
13	(a) Location. A special use district entitled the "600 Townsend Street West Special Use
14	District" ("SUD") consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008, is hereby established
15	for the purposes set forth below. The boundaries of the SUD are designated on Sectional Map No.
16	SU08 of the Zoning Map.
17	(b) Purpose. The purpose of this SUD is to allow the legalization of the longstanding office use
18	at 600 Townsend Street West.
19	(c) Controls. The Planning Code shall control except as otherwise provided in this Section
20	249.10. If there is a conflict between other provisions of the Planning Code and this Section 249.10,
21	this Section 249.10 shall prevail.
22	(1) Uses.
23	(A) Office Uses shall be principally permitted on all floors.
24	(B) Section 803.9(e) ("Vertical Controls for Office Uses") shall not apply.
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1	(2) <b>Development Controls</b> . For any project that receives an Office Allocation pursuant
2	to Section 321 after January 1, 2025, and proposes a change of use to Office within the building as it
3	exists as of the effective date of this SUD, the following development controls shall apply. These
4	controls shall also apply in the event the existing building is damaged or destroyed by fire, or other
5	calamity, or by Act of God, or by the public enemy and is replaced with a substantially similar building.
6	(A) <b>Open Space.</b> The open space requirement for changes of use to Office
7	within Eastern Neighborhood Mixed Use Districts in Section 135.5 shall be a maximum of 2,600 gross
8	<u>square feet.</u>
9	(B) Bicycle Parking. The requirement for Class 2 bicycle parking in Section
10	155 et seq. shall not apply. All other requirements of Section 155 et seq., including Class 1 bicycle
11	parking, shall apply.
12	(C) Streetscape and Pedestrian Improvements. The streetscape and pedestrian
13	improvement requirements in Section 138.1 shall not apply.
14	(D) Transportation Demand Management. The Transportation Demand
15	Management plan and program requirement in Section 169 et seq. shall not apply.
16	(3) Impact Fees.
17	(A) Projects that file a Development Application between January 1, 2025 and
18	November 1, 2026 to establish an Office use pursuant to this Section 249.10 shall pay only the
19	following Development Impact Fees under the Planning Code:
20	(i) Child-care (Planning Code Section 414): \$0.99 per gross square foot;
21	(ii) Jobs-Housing Linkage Program (Planning Code Section 413): \$7.94
22	per gross square foot; and
23	(iii) Transportation Sustainability Fee (Planning Code Section 411A):
24	\$1.87 per gross square foot.

1	(B) The Development Impact Fee rates prescribed in this Section 249.10 include
2	the 33% reduction available under Section 403 and shall not be offset by any further waiver or
3	<u>reduction.</u>
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5	SEC. 249.45. VISITACION VALLEY/SCHLAGE LOCK SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.
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7	(e) Controls in Zone 1. Development in Zone 1 of the Special Use District shall be
8	regulated by the controls contained in this Section 249.45(e) and the Design for Development.
9	Where not explicitly superseded by definitions and controls established in this Section
10	249.45(e) or the Design for Development, the definitions and controls in this Planning Code
11	shall apply except where those controls conflict with the Development Agreement. The
12	following shall apply only in Zone 1 of the Special Use District:
13	* * * *
14	(2) Use Requirements.
15	* * * *
16	(C) <b>Prohibited Uses</b> . The following uses shall be prohibited within this
17	Special Use District:
18	* * * *
19	(ii) Office, except in existing buildings or as an accessory use to
20	other permitted uses. The floor controls set forth in Section 803.9(e)(f) for the MUG zoning
21	designation shall not apply to office use in the Old Office Building or to the existing building
22	located on Assessor's Block and Lot No. 5100-007;
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# 1 SEC. 803.9. COMMERCIAL USES IN EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED USE DISTRICTS. 2 3 (e) Vertical Controls for Office Uses. 4 5 (2) **Applicability.** This subsection 803.9(e)-803.9(f) shall apply to all Office 6 Uses in the MUG and UMU Districts and all office uses in buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-7 8 1-G Districts that are designated as landmarks pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code, 9 where permitted. 10 Table 803.9(f)(e) 11 12 **Total Number of Stories** Maximum Number of 13 **Designated Office Stories** 14 0 stories (office use NP) 1-story 15 2 - 4 stories 1-story 16 5 - 7 stories 2-stories 17 8 or more stories 3-stories 18 19 20 SEC. 838. UMU – URBAN MIXED USE DISTRICT. 21 22 Table 838 **UMU - URBAN MIXED USE DISTRICT ZONING CONTROL TABLE** 23

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\* Not listed below

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(4) Unless located within a historic building per §803.9(c), uses subject to vertical control of § 803.9(*f*)(*e*).

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Section 4. Zoning Map Amendment. Pursuant to Sections 106 and 302(c) of the Planning Code, Sectional Map SU08 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco is hereby amended, as follows:

Description of Property	Special Use District Hereby Created	
Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No.	600 Townsend Street West Special Use	
008	District	

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

1	ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
2	of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.
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4	Section 6. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors
5	intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles,
6	numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal
7	Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment
8	additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under
9	the official title of the ordinance.
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11	APPROVED AS TO FORM:
12	DAVID CHIU, City Attorney
13	By: <u>/s/ Austin Yang</u> AUSTIN YANG
14	Deputy City Attorney
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# **LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(Substituted – March 18, 2025)

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to establish the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District, encompassing the real property consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008, to allow the legalization of the longstanding office uses at the site by principally permitting office uses on all floors and waiving or reducing the bicycle parking, open space, streetscape, Transportation Demand Management, and impact fee requirements; 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 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302

## **Existing Law**

Office Uses in the UMU District are subject to controls that restrict the amount of office space in a building relative to the number of building stories. (See Planning Code § 803.9.) For buildings five to seven stories in height, Office Uses are limited to two floors and not permitted on the ground floor. (*Id.*)

The Planning Code also imposes open space requirements (Section 135.3), bicycle parking requirements (Section 155 et seq.), streetscape and pedestrian improvements (Section 138.1), and impact fee requirements (Article 4) on Office Uses in the UMU District.

The Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program was a time-limited program that enabled existing uses operating without the benefit of a required permit to obtain those permits, and fixed certain impact fee rates at those amounts applicable immediately prior to the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning. (Planning Code Section 179.1.) This program expired in 2012.

Planning Code Section 403 provides a time-limited 33% reduction in impact fees for projects that meet prescribed milestones.

## Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Planning Code and Zoning Map to create the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District ("SUD"), consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008. Within the SUD, office space would be principally permitted on all floors of the building.

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The SUD would also provide waivers and reductions of various controls and impact fees for any change of use to Office within the building as it exists as of the effective date of the SUD, specifically:

- reducing open space requirements to a maximum of 2,600 gross square feet;
- waiving Class 2 bicycle parking requirements;
- waiving streetscape and pedestrian improvements; and
- waiving the Transportation Demand Management requirements.

The SUD also reduces impact fees to the levels set forth below for projects that file a Development Application on or before November 1, 2026 to establish an Office Use:

- Child-care (Planning Code Section 414): \$0.99 per gross square foot;
- Jobs-Housing Linkage Program (Planning Code Section 413): \$7.94 per gross square foot; and
- Transportation Sustainability Fee (Planning Code Section 411A): \$1.87 per gross square foot.

The SUD would provide that the fees set forth above already include the 33% reduction in Planning Code Section 403 and shall not be offset by any further waiver or reduction.

# **Background Information**

This ordinance contains background information and findings describing the longstanding, unauthorized office uses at 600 Townsend Street West and the public interest in legalizing the longstanding office uses. The findings also describe the history of the Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program and explain that the SUD reduces the required impact fees to the levels that would have been required in 2012 under the Program, adjusted for inflation per the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

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April 2, 2025

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk Honorable Supervisor Dorsey **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 2025-001365PCA/MAP:

600 Townsend Street West Special Use District Board File No. 250125

**Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval** 

Dear Ms. Calvillo and Supervisor Dorsey,

On March 27, 2025, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance, introduced by Supervisor Dorsey. The proposed Ordinance would establish Planning Code Section 249.10 as the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District and amend Planning Code Sections 249.45, 803.9, and 838. At the hearing the Planning Commission adopted a recommendation for approval.

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,

Aaron D. Starr

Manager of Legislative Affairs

cc: Austin Yang, Deputy City Attorney
Madison Tam, Aide to Supervisor Dorsey
John Carroll, Office of the Clerk of the Board

# **ATTACHMENTS:**

Planning Commission Resolution
Planning Department Executive Summary





# PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21712

**HEARING DATE: MARCH 27, 2025** 

Project Name: 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District

Case Number: 2025-001365PCA/MAP [Board File No. 250125]

Initiated by: Supervisor Dorsey / Introduced February 12, 2025

Staff Contact: Rebecca Salgado, Legislative Affairs

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Reviewed by: Aaron 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 AND ZONING MAP TO ESTABLISH THE 600 TOWNSEND STREET WEST SPECIAL USE DISTRICT, ENCOMPASSING THE REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 3783, LOT NO. 008, TO ALLOW THE LEGALIZATION OF THE LONGSTANDING OFFICE USES AT THE SITE BY PRINCIPALLY PERMITTING OFFICE USES ON ALL FLOORS AND WAIVING OR REDUCING BICYCLE PARKING, OPEN SPACE, STREETSCAPE, TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND IMPACT FEE REQUIREMENTS; 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 101.1; AND MAKING FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECCESSITY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE UNDER PLANNING CODE, SECTION 302.

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2025, Supervisor Dorsey introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 250125, which would amend the Planning Code to create the 600 Townsend West Special Use District (hereinafter the "600 TW SUD"), amend Section Map No. SU08 of the Zoning Map to add the 600 TW SUD and apply it to the Project Site, recognize the existing open space, class 2 bicycle parking and street trees at the Project Site, and establish certain impact fees (the "Proposed Ordinance"). The Proposed Ordinance would apply to the property at 600 Townsend West (Assessor's Block 3783, Lot 008) (the "Project Site"), and would operate as an overlay district in addition to the underlying base zoning of Urban Mixed Use (UMU);

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on March 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance is not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it does not result in a physical change in the environment; 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 adopts a **recommendation for approval** of the proposed ordinance.

# **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 Commission supports the proposed ordinance because it allows for the continuation of a longstanding existing use that promotes commercial activity and provides economic benefits to the City. The Proposed Ordinance would not displace any existing uses, or result in any introduction of incompatible uses.

#### **General Plan Compliance**

The proposed Ordinance 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.

The Proposed Ordinance will promote retention of existing commercial activity and help ensure its continuing viability and ability to attract office tenants and employees. It also will solidify the economic benefits the City



has received from the ongoing Office uses at the project site, and ensure that those benefits continue into the future.

## **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 the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.
- 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, as the subject property's existing office uses have been in place since the 1990s, 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 the 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 of the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on March 27, 2025.

Jonas P. Ionin

Commission Secretary

AYES: Campbell, Williams, Braun, Imperial, Moore, So

NOES: None

ABSENT: McGarry

ADOPTED: March 27, 2025





# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**PLANNING CODE TEXT & ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

**HEARING DATE: March 27, 2025** 

90-Day Deadline: May 12, 2025

Project Name: 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District

Case Number: 2025-001365PCA/MAP [Board File No. 250125]

Initiated by: Supervisor Dorsey / Introduced February 12, 2025

Staff Contact: Rebecca Salgado, Legislative Affairs

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Reviewed by: Aaron Starr, Manager of Legislative Affairs

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Environmental

Review: Not a Project Under CEQA

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

# **Planning Code Amendment**

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Planning Code and Zoning Map to establish the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District, encompassing the real property consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008. The SUD would allow the legalization of the longstanding office uses at the site by principally permitting office uses on all floors and waiving or reducing bicycle parking, open space, streetscape, Transportation Demand Management program, and impact fee requirements.

#### The Way It Is Now:

- 1. The parcel at 600 Townsend Street (APN 3783/008) is zoned UMU.
- 2. In the UMU District, Office uses are subject to the vertical controls of Planning Code Section 803.9(c),

which limits the maximum number of designated Office stories at a property and prohibits Office uses on the ground floor.

# The Way It Would Be:

- 1. The parcel at 600 Townsend Street would be rezoned to 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District.
- 2. The 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District Office would allow Office uses on all floors and would waive or reduce bicycle parking, open space, streetscape, Transportation Demand Management program, and impact fee requirements.



600 Townsend Street, west (left) and east (right) buildings.



Proposed boundaries of the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District.



# **Background**

The proposed Special Use District would be located at 600 Townsend Street West (the "Project Site"). Adjacent to the Project Site is 600 Townsend Street East (APN 3783/007). The building occupying the Project Site contains five stories over a basement. A gallery/arcade and pedestrian bridge connect 600 Townsend Street East and West, and cross-easements allow for pedestrian and vehicular access in certain areas of both lots. As originally constructed, the Project Site contained Production, Distribution, and Repair uses, and particularly Wholesale Sales uses. The building at 600 Townsend Street East was determined to have legally converted to Office use in the 1980s. However, the building at the Project Site converted to Office use in the 1990s without the benefit of a permit.

Prior to 2008, the zoning applicable to the Project Site allowed Office use on all floors as a principally permitted use. In 2008, both the Project Site and 600 Townsend Street East were rezoned to the Urban Mixed Use (UMU) District as part of the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan. Office uses in the UMU District are subject to vertical controls that restrict the amount of office space in a building relative to the number of building stories. For buildings five to seven stories in height (including the Project Site), Office uses are limited to two floors and are not permitted on the ground floor.

On November 7, 2019, the Zoning Administrator issued a Letter of Determination finding that 600 Townsend Street East contained both legal conforming and legal non-conforming Office uses. However, the Office use at the Project Site (600 Townsend Street West) was never legally established under the Planning Code. Consequently, 600 Townsend Street East can operate Office uses on all floors of the building, while Office use at 600 Townsend Street West is restricted to two floors and is not permitted on the ground floor. The proposed Ordinance will legalize the existing Office uses on all five floors at 600 Townsend West.

#### **Issues and Considerations**

#### Rezoning

The proposed Ordinance creates the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District ("600 TW SUD"), which would principally permit Office uses on all floors of the building. The 600 TW SUD also reduces the usable open space requirement for non-residential uses at the site, waives the requirement for enrollment in the Transportation Demand Management program, and waives Class 2 bicycle parking requirements and streetscape and pedestrian improvements, to match the existing open space, bicycle parking, and streetscape currently at the Project Site.

The 600 TW SUD also reduces development impact and in lieu fees to the levels that would have been required in 2012 under the Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program (Planning Code Section 179.1), adjusted for inflation per the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers. The Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program was a time-limited program that enabled existing uses operating without the benefit of a required permit to obtain those permits. It also fixed certain impact fee rates at those amounts applicable immediately prior to the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning. Though the Program expired in 2012, applying these fee rates (in Planning Code Section 179.1), adjusted for inflation, is consistent with the treatment of other legitimized Office uses in the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan.



Additionally, in 2023, the City enacted Ordinance No. 20-23 (Planning Code Section 403), which provides a time-limited 33% reduction of impact fees for projects that meet prescribed milestones. The proposed Ordinance applies the 33% reduction to the adjusted 2012 Eastern Neighborhood Legitimization Program rates and provides that no further reductions or offsets are available under the Planning Code.

The proposed Ordinance also corrects clerical errors in certain Planning Code sections regarding references to the subsection of Planning Code Section 803.9 that contains the vertical controls on Office uses.

## **General Plan Compliance**

Objective 2 of the Commerce and Industry Element of the General Plan seeks to "maintain and enhance a sound and diverse economic base and fiscal structure for the city." Policy 2.1 is to "Seek to retain existing commercial and industrial activity and to attract new such activity to the city." The proposed Ordinance will promote retention of existing commercial activity and help ensure its continuing viability and ability to attract office tenants and employees. It also will solidify the economic benefits the City has received from the ongoing Office uses at the project site, and ensure that those benefits continue into the future.

## **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. As the Ordinance would only affect a single parcel, there is not enough data to support a claim of racial or social equity.

### **Implementation**

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

#### Recommendation

The Department recommends that the Commission *adopt a recommendation for approval* of the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

#### **Basis for Recommendation**

The Department supports the proposed Ordinance because it allows for the continuation of a longstanding existing use that promotes commercial activity and provides economic benefits to the City. The proposed Ordinance would not displace any existing uses, or result in any introduction of incompatible uses.

# **Required Commission Action**

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may adopt a recommendation of approval, disapproval, or approval with modifications.



# **Environmental Review**

The proposed amendments are not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c)(2) and 15378 because they do not result in a physical change in the environment.

# **Public Comment**

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department has not received any public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance.

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Exhibit A: Draft Planning Commission Resolution Exhibit B: Board of Supervisors File No. 250125



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# **MEMORANDUM**

	Date:	March 25, 2025		
	То:	: Planning Department/Planning Commission		
	From:	John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and	l Transportation C	ommittee
	Subject:	Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 250125 - SUBSTITUTED Planning Code, Zoning Map - 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District		SUBSTITUTED
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# **MEMORANDUM**

	Date:	February 12, 2025		
	То:	Planning Department/Planning Commiss	sion	
	From:	John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee		
	Subject:	Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral Planning Code, Zoning Map - 600 Towns	- File No. 250125	
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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco's Land Use and Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

Date:

Monday, April 7, 2025

Planning Code, Section 302.

Time:

1:30 p.m.

Location:

Legislative Chamber, Room 250, located at City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco. CA 94102

Subject:

File No. 250125. Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to establish the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District, encompassing the real property consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008, to allow the legalization of the longstanding office uses at the site by principally permitting office uses on all floors and waiving or reducing the bicycle parking, open space, streetscape, Transportation Demand Management, and impact fee requirements; 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 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under

In accordance with Administrative Code, Section 67.7-1, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on this matter may submit written comments. These comments will be added to the official public record in this matter and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written comments should be addressed to Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA, 94102 or sent via email (bos@sfgov.org). Information relating to this matter is available with the Office of the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Research Center (https://sfbos.org/legislative-research-center-lrc). Agenda information relating to this matter will be available for public review on Friday, April 4, 2025.

For any questions about this hearing, please contact the Assistant Clerk for the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

John Carroll (john.carroll@sfgov.org ~ (415) 554-4445)

Angela Calvillo

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SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION:
Public Hearing, discussion,
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the proposed Hetch Hetchy
Power and CleanPowerSF
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for electric customers of the Community Choice Aggregation program) electric rates and charges for electric customers of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. The resolution to be presented for consideration at these hearings is:

1. Adopt Hetch Hetchy Power Rates for FY 2025-26, adopt Facility Rental Fees for Camp Mather Cabin #2 for FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26, and review the updated FY 2025-26 rate plan for CleanPowerSF.

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#### CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. CNC-25-59677 Superior Court of California, County of SAM FRANCISCO Petition of: SAMANTHA SANYU LUO for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMANTHA

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner SAMANTHA SANYU LUO filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: SAMANTHA SANYU LUO to SAMANTHA LUO DEVINE. The Court orders that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicate court at the hearing indicate to the court at the hearing indicate and the court at the hearing indicate and the persons interested in this matter appear before that a court at the hearing indicate and the person of the person objection that necessary and the person objection that includes the reasons for the objection that includes the reasons for the objection the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be garited. If no written objection read in the petition without a grant the neiting the petition without a

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Date: MAY 6, 2025, Times 9:00

A.M., Dept.: 103N, Room: 103N, Room: 103N

The address of the court is 400 MCALLISTER STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102

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date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county. SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER.

Date: MARCH 18, 2025
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Judge of the Superior Court 3/21, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/25
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objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

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Date: 4/29/2025, Time: 9:00

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VOODSIDE ROAD,
REDWOOD CITY, CA 96061
County of SAM MATEO
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NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS

San Francisco Unified School District
The San Francisco Unified School District will receive bids in the lobby of, 135 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California on TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 BEFORE 11:00 A.M. for LEONARD FLYNN SCHOOL PLAY YARD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT - SFUSD PROJECT NO. 12406.

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click on the Public Planroom option and search for project name and number to view or order plans. Contact ARC Document Solutions San Francisco at 415-495-8700 for the PlanWell Department and inquire about SFUSD Project Number: 12406. SFUSD Project Name: "Leonard Flynn Elementary School Play Yard Improvements Project." Contractor's license required

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information, visit the SFUSD website at: http://www.sfusd.edu/en/doing-business-with-sfusd/current-invitations-for-bids.html Advertising Dates: March 21, 2025 and March 28, 2025 Project Manager: Ferdinand Vergelre, 415-265-4262 vergeiref@sfusd.edu 321, 3/2825 CNS-3907532# SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

#### PROBATE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF CHUNG-HO CHEN AKA CHUNGHO CHEN CASE NO. 25-PRO-00419

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: CHUNG-HO CHEN AKA CHUNGHO CHEN A Petition for Probate has

been filed by PEASON CHIANG AKA PISEN CHIANG in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN MATEO. The Petition for Probate requests that PEASON CHIANG AKA PISEN CHIANG be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of

the decedent. The Petition requests decedent's the and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the

court.
The Petition requests authority to administer the estate under Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take to take many actions obtaining court a Before taking without approval. certain very important actions however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court on 5/2/2025 at 9:00 A.M. in Dept. 3 Room N/A located at 400 COUNTY CENTER, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94063.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court

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Code, Section 302. In accordance with Administrative Code, Section 67.7-1, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on this matter may submit written comments. These comments will be added to the official public record in this matter and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written comments should be addressed to Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA, 94102 or sent via email (bos@sfgov.org). Information relating to this matter is available with the Office of the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors' Legislative-research-center-lrc). Agenda information relating

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available for public review on Friday, April 4, 2025. For any questions about this hearing, please contact the Assistant Clerk for the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

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### **MYRNA MELGAR**

DATE: April 2, 2025

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 REPORT

Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Land Use and Transportation Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, as a Committee Report:

File No. 250125 Planning Code, Zoning Map - 600 Townsend Street West Special

**Use District**Sponsor: Dorsey

This matter will be heard in the Land Use and Transportation Committee at a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

From: <u>Jackson Nutt-Beers</u>
To: <u>Carroll, John (BOS)</u>

Cc: Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Mahmood, Bilal (BOS); Chen, Chyanne (BOS)

Subject: Letter of Support for the Approval of the 600 Townsend Street Special Use District and Office Allocation

**Date:** Sunday, April 6, 2025 9:43:07 AM

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Good morning Chair Melgar and members of the Land Use and Transportation,

Please find attached the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce letter of support for the approval of the project at 600 Townsend Street.



Jackson Nutt-Beers, M.A. (they/them)

Public Policy Program Manager
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
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# SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

April 4, 2025

Land Use and Transportation Committee 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, California 94102

#### RE: Support for the Approval of the 600 Townsend Street Special Use District and Office Allocation

Dear Chair Melgar and Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee

On behalf of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, I am writing to convey our support for the approval of Toda America and the Special Use District (SUD) and the associated office allocation for 600 Townsend Street West. The Chamber believes this proposal is critical to maintaining San Francisco's economic momentum, supporting local jobs, and promoting neighborhood vitality.

The approval of the SUD for 600 Townsend Street is a sensible correction that will formally recognize and secure the building's long standing use as office space. With nearly full occupancy by reputable, growth-oriented businesses, 600 Townsend represents precisely the type of economic asset San Francisco must support and preserve. The reduced and adjusted fee structure directly supports San Francisco's broader economic recovery strategy by stabilizing existing businesses and preserving jobs within key employment centers.

This approval directly contributes to the City's economic recovery and resilience. By approving the SUD and office allocation, the Planning Commission will be ensuring that hundreds of quality jobs remain in the area, benefiting not just the building's occupants, but also the surrounding community. Local restaurants, retailers, and service providers rely on patronage from 600 Townsend employees, creating an ecosystem that fuels neighborhood growth. Given that 600 Townsend has operated in its current configuration for decades, it imposes no incremental demand on city infrastructure, public transit, or emergency services.

Moreover, the approval sends a powerful signal to current and prospective businesses: San Francisco remains open and welcoming to investment. Providing regulatory clarity and stability will further encourage long-term commitments from companies eager to locate and expand within our city, securing San Francisco's competitive position in the regional economy.

The Chamber supports this measure as both practical and essential. Your approval of this Special Use District and office allocation is an opportunity to affirm San Francisco's ongoing commitment to creating an environment in which businesses—and the neighborhoods that host them—can thrive.

Respectfully,

Rodney Fong President & CEO

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

From: Board of Supervisors (BOS)

To: <u>BOS-Supervisors</u>; <u>BOS-Legislative Aides</u>

Cc: Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Ng, Wilson (BOS); De Asis, Edward (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS);

BOS-Operations; BOS Legislation, (BOS); Carroll, John (BOS)

**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support for 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District (SUD) (Block/Lot No: 3782/008)

**Date:** Monday, April 7, 2025 1:25:12 PM

Attachments: 600 Townsend West SUD - NYL Letter of Support to Board 5003868697 1.pdf

#### Good afternoon,

Please see below and attached for communication from New York Life Investments regarding File No. 250125, which is Item No. 2 on today's Land Use & Transportation Committee agenda.

File No. 250125: Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to establish the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District, encompassing the real property consisting of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3783, Lot No. 008, to allow the legalization of the longstanding office uses at the site by principally permitting office uses on all floors and waiving or reducing the bicycle parking, open space, streetscape, Transportation Demand Management, and impact fee requirements; 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 101.1; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302. (Dorsey)

#### Sincerely,

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**From:** Ghalandari, Sara <SGhalandari@gibsondunn.com>

**Sent:** Friday, April 4, 2025 8:59 AM

Cc: Salgado, Rebecca (CPC) <rebecca.salgado@sfgov.org>; Teague, Corey (CPC)
<corey.teague@sfgov.org>; Board of Supervisors (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Letter of Support for 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District (SUD) (Block/Lot No:

3782/008)

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Good morning,

On behalf of the potential buyer of the above referenced property, please find attached a letter of support for the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District.

Best regards, Sara

#### Sara Ghalandari

Partner

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### Real Estate Investors

50 California Street, Suite 2100 San Francisco, CA 94111

April 2, 2025

The Honorable Myrna Melgar Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, California 94102

Re: Support for 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District (SUD) (Block/Lot No: 3782/008)

Dear Chair Melgar and Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

We are New York Life Real Estate Investors, a large institutional investor in real estate and the potential buyer of the above referenced property. We are highly interested in acquiring this property; however, our purchase is contingent upon the approval of the 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District (SUD) and associated office allocation, which were unanimously approved by the San Francisco Planning Commission on March 27, 2025. The Planning Commission's approval of the SUD and associated office allocation represents an important step toward formalizing the long-standing office use of the building.

600 Townsend Street has been used as office space since the early 1990s and is currently at a 94% occupancy rate. The requested entitlements will ensure that its continued office use is legally conforming. Notwithstanding well-reported recent challenges faced by San Francisco, we nonetheless strongly believe in the fundamentals of the San Francisco market – in 2024 we acquired one office asset, we have this asset under contract and are in process of acquiring a third office asset within San Francisco. We are eager to continue investing locally and contributing to the city's long-term growth and economic vitality.

Approving the SUD will allow this property to maintain its long-existing office use and provide significant benefits to the city, including transfer tax revenue and the potential for increased economic activity through continued office operations. We intend to continue to invest money into the property to drive leasing activity as current leases expire.

For these reasons, we respectfully request the Board's approval of the SUD. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Albert Pura Senior Director

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From: <u>Denise LaPointe</u>

To: Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Chen, Chyanne (BOS); Sciammas, Charlie (BOS); Mahmood, Bilal (BOS);

Cooper, Raynell (BOS)

Cc: <u>Carroll, John (BOS)</u>

**Subject:** 600 Townsend West - Board of Supervisors File No. 250125

**Date:** Wednesday, April 2, 2025 10:43:30 AM

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Dear Chair Melgar and Land Use and Transportation Committee Members Bilal and Chen,

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By approving the creation of this Special Use District at 600 Townsend Street West, you will directly support a proven hub of innovation, sustainability, and economic vitality, setting a powerful precedent for thoughtful urban development.

On behalf of Toda America, I would be pleased to arrange a briefing at your convenience to discuss this proposal in greater detail with you or your staff.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support.

Sincerely,

Denise LaPointe



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April 2, 2025

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To: Melgar, Myrna (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Chen, Chyanne (BOS); Sciammas, Charlie (BOS); Mahmood, Bilal (BOS);

Cooper, Raynell (BOS)

Cc:Denise LaPointe; Farrah, Michael (BOS); Tam, Madison (BOS); Dahl, Bryan (BOS)Subject:FW: Letter of Support - 600 Townsend West property owner - BOS File No. 250125

**Date:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 3:48:00 PM

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Thank you for your comment letter.

I am forwarding your comments to the members of the Land Use and Transportation committee, and I will include your comments in the file for this ordinance matter.

I invite you to review the entire matter on our <u>Legislative Research Center</u> by following the link below:

Board of Supervisors File No. 250125

## John Carroll Assistant Clerk

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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 1, 2025 2:33 PM

**To:** Carroll, John (BOS) <john.carroll@sfgov.org>; Melgar, Myrna (BOS) <myrna.melgar@sfgov.org> **Cc:** Low, Jen (BOS) <jen.low@sfgov.org>; Farrah, Michael (BOS) <michael.farrah@sfgov.org>; Tam, Madison (BOS) <madison.r.tam@sfgov.org>; Dahl, Bryan (BOS) <br/>bryan.dahl@sfgov.org>

Subject: Letter of Support - 600 Townsend West property owner

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#### Greetings all,

Please find attached a letter of support from my client, the President of Toda America, Mr. Hiroki Yanagi.

He will be present on Monday, April 7, 2025 as we look to approve the Special Use District sponsored by Supervisor Matt Dorsey.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. The best number this week is my cellphone.

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April 1, 2025

The Honorable Myrna Melgar Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, California 94102

Subject: Support – 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District

Dear Chair Melgar and Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

As the property manager of 600 Townsend Street, Newmark is writing to express our strong support for the proposed Special Use District (SUD) for this property. In the current economic climate, maintaining high occupancy and attracting quality tenants is more important than ever. 600 Townsend has long been a sought-after business location, and this SUD correction will help ensure it remains a thriving hub by providing the certainty needed to keep its offices filled with dynamic companies.

600 Townsend Street is more than just a building – it is a vital contributor to San Francisco's business ecosystem. The diverse companies that call 600 Townsend home provide hundreds of local jobs, drive innovation, and support numerous nearby businesses. A fully occupied 600 Townsend means more employees patronizing neighborhood shops and restaurants, and it generates valuable tax revenue that aids the city's economic recovery. Especially in today's challenging economic conditions, we need to do everything possible to support such centers of employment and innovation.

The SUD ordinance is a crucial step toward preserving the stability and confidence that businesses need to invest and grow in San Francisco. By formally acknowledging and protecting the building's long established office use, the SUD removes uncertainty about 600 Townsend's future. Prospective tenants will have greater confidence signing long-term leases, knowing that the City supports and safeguards the continued use of this property as a productive office space. This regulatory clarity gives businesses assurance that they can commit to San Francisco for the long run, which in turn encourages them to expand operations and hire more local employees.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to approve the Special Use District for 600 Townsend Street. This action will reinforce San Francisco's commitment to maintaining a business-friendly environment, allowing properties like 600 Townsend to remain fully leased and economically productive. In a time when high occupancy and strong business investment are essential to our city's recovery, your support for this adjustment will provide a much-needed boost of confidence to property owners, potential buyers and tenants alike.

# **NEWMARK**

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We remain dedicated to working with the city to ensure that 600 Townsend continues to be a success story that benefits San Francisco's economy and neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

Newmark

As agent for 600 Townsend Street West

*Vishaka Avila*Vishaka Avila
Senior Property Manager

Cc: Supervisor Chyanne Chen, Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Subject: Support - 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District

Dear Chair Melgar and Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

On behalf of Orchard Commercial, Northern California's largest privately-owned property management firm, we enthusiastically support the proposed Special Use District ordinance for 600 Townsend Street. This ordinance received unanimous approval from the Planning Commission on March 27th, 2025—a clear endorsement of the property's significant economic contributions and longstanding use. Approving this ordinance ensures fairness, equity, and consistency with similar developments, reaffirming the importance of this property to the South of Market neighborhood and San Francisco's local economy.

Orchard Commercial is deeply embedded in Northern California, not only managing but also owning commercial properties throughout the region. Our longstanding presence and commitment to enhancing property values align with initiatives like the proposed Special Use District, which are designed to preserve and enhance valuable commercial assets.

The establishment of the Special Use District at 600 Townsend is critically important as it provides stability and clarity, enabling current and future tenants to confidently invest, innovate, and expand their businesses. The ordinance acknowledges and reinforces the historical significance and ongoing office utilization of this property, thus directly supporting local employment opportunities, economic vitality, and San Francisco's reputation as an innovation hub.

600 Townsend Street's exceptional location and infrastructure, coupled with its sustainable environment, make it an invaluable asset within San Francisco's vibrant business community. Its strategic positioning offers convenient access to transit and numerous local amenities, significantly contributing to a desirable work-life balance and increased productivity among its tenants.

We strongly advocate for your approval of the Special Use District ordinance, as it will ensure continued investment in this key property, thereby further contributing to the city's economy and cultural vibrancy.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and support.

Sincerely,

# Orchard Commercial, Inc.

Tim Ballas, CPM, CCIM

Director of Asset Management

cc: Supervisor Chyanne Chen, Land Use and Transportation Committee, Member

Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, Land Use and Transportation Committee, Member

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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. The best number this week is my cellphone.

Denise



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April 1, 2025

The Honorable Myrna Melgar Chair, Land Use and Transportation Committee 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, California 94102

Subject: Request for Support – 600 Townsend Street West Special Use District (SUD)

Dear Chair Melgar and Members of the Land Use and Transportation Committee,

On behalf of Toda America, the owner of 600 Townsend Street West, I am pleased to inform you that our Special Use District (SUD) ordinance and associated office allocation were unanimously approved by the San Francisco Planning Commission on March 27, 2025. This approval is a significant step forward in formalizing the longstanding office use of our building and securing its continued contribution to San Francisco's economic vitality.

The 600 Townsend Street West project has been operating successfully as an office building since the early 1990s, currently supporting a 94% occupancy rate and providing valuable employment opportunities. The recent approval recognizes and legitimizes this established use, aligning our zoning status with actual operations.

Key reasons to support the Special Use District include:

- Allowing office use on all five floors consistent with the building's longstanding use, facilitating the continued operation and attracting high-quality tenants and employment opportunities.
- Fair and substantial economic benefits to the City, including ongoing Commercial Rent Taxes at the premium 3.5% office rate, and a fee structure consistent with precedents from the Eastern Neighborhoods Legitimization Program, allowing existing office uses to legitimize at equitable 2012 rates adjusted for inflation and aligned with current city economic recovery policy.
- Allowing a pending property sale to proceed, immediately generating an essential \$3.2 million dollars of transfer tax revenue to the City.
- Preservation of existing pedestrian enhancements, bicycle parking, and open space that benefit the local community, without any impacts on transportation or other infrastructure.

• Environmental review exemption under CEQA guidelines, confirming that the project will cause no adverse environmental impacts, as no physical changes or construction are proposed.

In closing, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to District 6 Supervisor Matt Dorsey and his dedicated staff for their invaluable sponsorship and steadfast support throughout this critical process. *Given the compelling benefits outlined, we respectfully ask for your support today.* Your affirmative vote will help ensure that 600 Townsend Street remains a vibrant engine for economic growth, sustainability, and resilience—reflecting San Francisco's enduring commitment to its neighborhoods.

With deep appreciation,

Hiroki Yanagi

President, Toda America, Inc.

#### Cc:

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Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, Member, Land Use and Transportation Committee

Supervisor Matt Dorsey, District 6

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Ms. Rebecca Salgado, SF Planning Department

# **Introduction Form**

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I here	by subm	it the following item for introduction (select only one):
	1.	For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
	2.	Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference) (Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
	3.	Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
	4.	Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires"
	5.	City Attorney Request
	6.	Call File No. from Committee.
	7.	Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
	8.	Substitute Legislation File No.
	9.	Reactivate File No.
	10.	Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on
The p	roposed	legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):
	□ Sn	nall Business Commission    Youth Commission    Ethics Commission
	□ Pla	anning Commission   Building Inspection Commission   Human Resources Department
Genei	ral Plan	Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):
	□ Ye	es 🗆 No
(Note	: For Im	perative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)
Spons	sor(s):	
Subje	ct:	
Long Title or text listed:		
		Signature of Spansoring Supervisor
		Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: