

1 [Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Exemption Determination - 601 Dolores Street]

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3 **Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the exemption**
4 **determination by the Planning Department that a project located at 601 Dolores Street**
5 **is exempt from environmental review.**

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7 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that a project located at 601
8 Dolores Street is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental
9 Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter
10 31. The proposed project involves the conversion of an existing residential use in a former
11 church structure into middle-school class rooms and a multi-purpose assembly space and
12 associated interior and exterior changes to the building. By letter to the Clerk of the Board,
13 Jeffery Goldfarb and Elizabeth Erhardt of Rutan & Tucker, LLP, on behalf of J. Landon Gates
14 and Anne Timmer Gates, (Appellants) received by the Clerk's Office on May 9, 2012,
15 appealed the exemption determination. The Appellants provided a copy a Certificate of
16 Determination, Exemption From Environmental Review, issued by the Planning Department
17 on April 9, 2012, finding the proposed project exempt from environmental review under CEQA
18 Guidelines Class 32 (14 Cal. Code. Regs. §15332); and

19 WHEREAS, On June 19, 2012, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to
20 consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellants, and following the
21 public hearing reversed the exemption determination; and

22 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board
23 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letters, the responses to
24 concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before
25 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to

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1 the exemption determination appeal. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board
2 of Supervisors reversed the exemption determination for the project based on the written
3 record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in
4 support of and opposed to the appeal. The written record and oral testimony in support of and
5 opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing
6 before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the
7 appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No.
8 120498 and is 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.