

Thursday, March 6, 2025

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Pl
San Francisco CA, 94102

To: Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors
RE: Adante and Monarch Lease Extension Proposal

Dear Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to inform you that after much discussion and consideration, the following coalition of agencies, neighborhood organizations, businesses and property owners throughout the Tenderloin, Lower Polk and Lower Nob Hill stand together in our rejection of even a one-year lease renewal for the Adante and Monarch hotels.

Over the last five years, we have been vocal about our concerns. The deep systemic, economic impact and safety issues in our communities that have been caused by these HSH facilities have been overlooked and ignored by the city for years. As recently as November 20, 2024, we requested an economic impact study be done in relation to the Monarch and Adante renewals. We heard nothing back. Had our request been granted, we are certain that the data would have supported our position and provided evidence that the shelters have had a dramatically negative impact on businesses and revenue in the vicinity.

Opened five years ago under a mayoral emergency declaration, these facilities bypassed any community review process. The Adante and Monarch were intended to be both a temporary facility in the neighborhood and temporary shelter option for the homeless, enabling stabilization and placement to permanent housing. Today, the allowable stay for a client is 266 days. The structural design of the Adante and Monarch is unsuitable. Without ample public space, residents are forced onto the streets and into the path of impediments, such as neighborhood drug dealers, whose business model is to move from shelter to shelter. This is destructive to our businesses, residents and overall, our neighborhood. Additionally, it is also hard on the Monarch's and Adante's residents.

We recognize it is possible for homeless services and housing to fit seamlessly into neighborhoods. Prime examples of this are the Hamilton Family Center and the Mary Elizabeth Inn. The city needs a comprehensive plan for combatting homelessness that takes a holistic view and includes the needs of everyone in these neighborhoods.

We have been put in an untenable position. For the past five years, we have been dealing with an intolerable level of street crime, filth, drugs, ambulances, and the extensive economic gutting of our neighborhoods that have been brought about by these shelters, with minimal concern, oversight or intervention from the city. Our community members have spoken and they have had enough.

We thank you for listening to our concerns and strongly urge you to consider our input by doing the right thing for the entire community.



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