




GENERAL PLAN REFERRAL

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Block/Lot Nos.: Various, Citywide
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Finding: The project, on balance, is **in conformity** with the General Plan.

Project Description

The City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors is proposing Proposition for the March 5, 2024 ballot that would allow the City to incur bonded indebtedness of not to exceed \$300,000,000 subject to independent citizen oversight and regular audits, to finance the construction, development, acquisition, and/or rehabilitation of rental affordable housing, including workforce housing and senior housing, for households ranging from extremely low-income to moderate-income households; and related costs necessary or convenient for the foregoing purposes; and authorize landlords to pass-through 50% of the resulting property tax increase to residential tenants under Administrative Code, Chapter 37.

Bond proceeds would be allocated to provide to extremely low-, very low-, lower-, and moderate-income households in San Francisco affordable housing rental opportunities in accordance with policies and programs set forth by the 2022 Housing Element:

- **CONSTRUCTION:** Up to \$240,000,000 of Bond proceeds will be allocated to construct, develop, acquire, and/or rehabilitate new affordable rental housing, including senior housing and workforce housing, serving extremely low-income households, very low-income households, and lower-income households.
- **PRESERVATION:** Up to \$30,000,000 of Bond proceeds will be allocated to construct, develop, acquire, and/or rehabilitate rental housing, so as to preserve it as affordable for lower-income households and moderate-income households.
- **VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS HOUSING:** Up to \$30,000,000 of Bond proceeds will be allocated to construct, develop, acquire, and/or rehabilitate housing for extremely-low income households, very low-income households, and/or lower-income households who need safe and stable housing, and are experiencing (i) trauma-informed homelessness, (ii) street violence, (iii) domestic violence and abuse, (iv) sexual abuse and assault, and/or (v) human trafficking.
- **CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.** A portion of the Bond shall be used to perform audits of the Bond.

Environmental Review

The proposed bond is within the scope of the 2022 Housing Element Update Final EIR certified by the Planning Commission on November 17, 2022, Motion No. 21206. Any physical projects would require separate environmental analysis or General Plan Evaluation under the 2022 Housing Element EIR.

General Plan Compliance and Basis for Recommendation

As described below, the proposed Project is consistent with the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 and is, on balance, in conformity with the General Plan.

Note: General Plan Objectives are shown in **BOLD UPPER CASE** font; Policies are in **Bold** font; staff comments are in *italic* font.

HOUSING ELEMENT

OBJECTIVE 1.A

ENSURE HOUSING STABILITY AND HEALTHY HOMES

OBJECTIVE 1.B
ADVANCE EQUITABLE HOUSING ACCESS**POLICY 2**

Preserve affordability of existing subsidized housing, government-owned or cooperative-owned housing, or SRO (single-room occupancy) hotel rooms where the affordability requirements are at risk or soon to expire.

POLICY 3

Acquire and rehabilitate privately-owned housing as permanently affordable to better serve residents and areas vulnerable to displacement with unmet affordable housing needs.

The proposed Bond, if approved, would provide resources to preserve affordability of existing housing that is at risk and protect renters at risk of displacement.

OBJECTIVE 3.B
CREATE A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WITHIN WELL-RESOURCED NEIGHBORHOODS THROUGH EXPANDED HOUSING CHOICE**POLICY 19**

Enable low- and moderate-income households, particularly American Indian, Black, and other people of color, to live and prosper in Well-resourced Neighborhoods by increasing the number of permanently affordable housing units in those neighborhoods.

The proposed Bond, if approved, would provide funding to help construct permanently affordable housing. Priorities for affordable housing in this bond measure include sites that can open housing opportunities in high resource neighborhoods or that stabilize equity communities.

OBJECTIVE 4.A
SUBSTANTIALLY EXPAND THE AMOUNT OF PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR EXTREMELY LOW- TO MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**POLICY 15**

Expand permanently affordable housing investments in Priority Equity Geographies to better serve American Indian, Black, and other People of color within income ranges underserved, including extremely-, very low-, and moderate-income households.

POLICY 22

Create dedicated and consistent local funding sources and advocate for regional, State, and Federal funding to support building permanently affordable housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income households that meets the Regional Housing Needs Allocation targets.

The proposed Bond, if approved, would provide funding to help construct permanently affordable rental housing serving individuals and families earning from 0% to 80% AMI. Priorities for affordable housing include sites that can open housing opportunities in high resource neighborhoods or that stabilize equity communities.

OBJECTIVE 4.B**EXPAND SMALL- AND MID-RISE MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PRODUCTION TO SERVE OUR WORKFORCE, PRIORITIZING MIDDLE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS**

The proposed Bond, if approved, would expand affordable housing for the City's workforce and middle-income households.

Planning Code Section 101 Findings

Planning Code Section 101.1 establishes Eight Priority Policies and requires review of discretionary approvals and permits for consistency with said policies. The Project is found to be consistent with the Eight Priority Policies as set forth in Planning Code Section 101.1 for the following reasons:

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 Project would not have an adverse effect on neighborhood-serving retail uses or opportunities for employment in or ownership of such businesses.

2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;

The Project would enhance the economic diversity of our neighborhoods by increasing the production of affordable housing at a range of income levels, as well as preserving existing affordable rental housing.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;

The Project would directly support the preservation and enhancement of the City's supply of affordable housing. The purpose of the bond is to create new affordable housing units that align with the Housing Element's goals and preserve existing housing.

4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

The Project would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking in San Francisco. The adopted Housing Element calls for parallel planning for both new housing and transportation. The City's goal is to advance well-connected neighborhoods consistent with the City's ConnectSF vision and encourage sustainable trips in new housing.

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 Project would not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office development

and would not have an adverse effect on future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

The Project 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 Project 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;

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