

1 [Reversing the Exemption Determination - 1653 Grant Street]

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3 **Motion reversing the determination by the Planning Department that the 1653 Grant**  
4 **Street project is exempt from environmental review.**

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7 WHEREAS, the Planning Department has determined that a project located at 1653  
8 Grant Street (aka 501 Greenwich Street) is exempt from environmental review under the  
9 California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco  
10 Administrative Code Chapter 31. The proposed work involves installation of a wireless  
11 telecommunications service facility to an existing building. The Appellants provided a copy a  
12 Historical Resources Review Form, issued by the Planning Department on June 3, 2010,  
13 finding the project exempt under Class 3 of the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Reg. §15000  
14 et seq.). Appellant also provided a copy of a Planning Department memorandum from  
15 Planning Commission Secretary Linda Avery, dated February 24, 2011, indicating that the  
16 Planning Commission had heard a request for discretionary review of the proposed project, on  
17 February 17, 2011, but had declined to take discretionary review and instead directed staff to  
18 approve the project as proposed. Accordingly, the appeal is ripe for review. By letter to the  
19 Clerk of the Board Julie Jaycox and Termeh Yeghiazarian, on behalf of the Telegraph Hill  
20 Dwellers("Appellants"), received by the Clerk's Office on March 4, 2011, appealed the  
21 exemption determination; and

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22 WHEREAS, On April 12, 2011, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to  
23 consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellants, and following the  
24 public hearing reversed the exemption determination; and

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1           WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board  
2 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letters, the responses to  
3 concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before  
4 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to  
5 the exemption determination appeal. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the  
6 Board of Supervisors reversed the exemption determination for the Project based on the  
7 written record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public  
8 hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal. The written record and oral testimony in  
9 support of and opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the  
10 public hearing before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and  
11 opposed to the appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of  
12 Supervisors File No. 110307 and in the Planning Department files, which are available for  
13 public review by appointment at the Planning Department offices at 1650 Mission Street, and  
14 are incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now therefore be it

15           MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors reverses the determination by the Planning  
16 Department that the Project is exempt from environmental review.

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