



MEMO

TO: Peter Engel, San Francisco Public Works

FROM: Don Lewis, Senior Environmental Planner

DATE: August 1, 2024

PROJECT: 888 Post Street Homeless Youth Drop-in Center

SUBJECT: Planning Department / Environmental Review Officer Concurrence
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption per AB 101

This memorandum is in response to a memorandum from San Francisco Public Works dated July 30, 2024 requesting Planning Department confirmation that no environmental review is required for the proposed Homeless Youth Drop-in Center at 888 Post Street. The memo will confirm that the proposed Homeless Youth Drop-in Center is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to California law set forth in Assembly Bill 101, California Government Code Sections 65660 – 65668 (AB 101).

AB 101 provides that a low barrier navigation center that meets certain criteria and is located in a mixed-use zoning district or a non-residential zone that permits multifamily uses is a use by right and is not subject to CEQA (Government Code Section 65660(b)). A “use by right” is defined in Government Code Section 65583.2(i) to mean that the local government’s review of the use may not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary local government review or approval that would constitute a “project” for purposes of CEQA.

The zoning designation for this site is RC-4 (Residential-Commercial, High Density). This zoning district provides for a mixture of high-density dwellings with supporting commercial uses. A homeless shelter that is owned, operated, or leased by the City and County of San Francisco is a principally permitted use in the RC-4 District pursuant to Planning Code Section 209.3.

The memorandum dated July 30, 2024 from Public Works explains how the proposed Homeless Youth Drop-in Center complies with the criteria set forth in AB 101. It meets the definition of a low barrier navigation center set forth in Government Code Section 65660(a) and meets the criteria set forth in Government Code Section 65662. Accordingly, the Homeless Youth Drop-in Center at 888 Post Street is not subject to CEQA.