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Subject: 2 Letters Regarding File No. 240641
Date: Thursday, June 20, 2024 12:09:30 PM
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Hello,

Please see attached 2 letters regarding **File No. 240641:**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to revise the definition of Laboratory to include Biotechnology, and to make Laboratory uses, as defined, a not permitted use in the Urban Mixed Use zoning district.

Regards,

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Subject: In support of the legislation eliminating LABORATORY Uses in Urban Mixed Use
Date: Saturday, June 15, 2024 3:48:49 PM

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Dear Honorable Board Members,

I am writing in support of the legislation eliminating LABORATORY Uses in Urban Mixed Use (UMU). As a 30+ year resident of Potrero Hill, I've seen the changes that our southeast neighborhoods have undergone. And while change and growth are important to the viability of a city, zoning of certain uses needs to be in designated areas that make the most sense.

Pier 70, the Power Station and Candlestick Point, along with a myriad of other PDR zoned spaces, are the perfect areas for Life Science (laboratories and facilities) development. These biotech developments do NOT belong in UMU zoned parcels. As a community, we have supported these large projects and eagerly await the promised community benefits.

This zoning clarification will encourage housing and community serving uses, while promoting Lab uses *in appropriate locations*. We need housing in UMU, not labs. The mixed use zoning allows for neighborhood serving businesses that ensure economic diversity and resilience during downturns while promoting revitalization of neighborhoods as we grow.

As a green, open space advocate, I support the proposed legislation as it will eliminate any confusion or opportunity for misinterpretation regarding the definitions of biotech and life science. We want mixed use developments that serve our neighborhoods, not developments with biohazards and potentially hazardous chemicals next to our housing and precious little open space.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Let's Build this Park!



From: [John deCastro](#)
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Subject: Stop the Biotech creep into our homes and neighborhood
Date: Sunday, June 16, 2024 10:51:45 AM

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Dear Honorable Board Members,

I have lived in Potrero Hill for 45 years. I am writing in support of the legislation eliminating LABORATORY Uses in Urban Mixed Use (UMU).

This zoning clarification will encourage housing and community serving uses, while propelling Lab uses *in appropriate locations*. Planning Code currently prohibits any Life Science uses in Urban Mixed Use (UMU) zoning at the same time it allows Laboratory uses. The distinction is unclear considering that nearly all current Laboratory uses involve biotechnology. Rather than assigning some murky analysis to distinguish between biotech and Life Science, the proposed legislation will eliminate any confusion or opportunity for misinterpretation.

Considering the ambitious goals in the Housing Element and relatively little land still available for development in the Eastern Neighborhoods, remaining opportunities for new housing must be protected.

I am generally in support of the construction of Laboratories and Life Science facilities and recognize the benefit to all of biotech innovation, but NOT in UMU-zoned parcels. Pier 70, the Power Station and Candlestick Point, along with ample PDR (Production Distribution Repair) land offer thousands of square feet of purpose-built opportunities for laboratory and biotechnology development. As a community we have supported and greatly look forward to these large planned developments coming to fruition as they will also provide much needed public benefits to our neighborhood.

We have suffered for many years with continued expansion into our neighborhoods by well funded interests that don't care about our health and safety. This is just the latest in a long line of attempts to circumvent the planning code.

Just one example, in early 2000's I worked to stop a huge merchant power plant. A site that is now Potrero Power Station Mixed Use Project. Please support this legislation.

Sincerely,

John deCastro

Past President Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association (Title for ID purposes only)