



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Planning Commission Motion No. 20033

HEARING DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2017

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*Case No.:* 2015-005848ENV  
*Project Title:* 1629 Market Street Mixed-Use Project  
*Zoning:* NCT-3 (Moderate Scale Neighborhood Commercial Transit District)  
and P (Public) Zoning Districts  
40-X, 85-X, and OS Height and Bulk Districts  
*Block/Lot:* Assessor's Block 3505/001, 007, 008, 027, 028, 029, 031, 031A, 032, 032A,  
033, 033A, 034, 035  
*Lot Size:* 97,617 square feet (2.2 acres)  
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR A PROPOSED MIXED-USE PROJECT THAT INCLUDES DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING UA LOCAL 38 BUILDING AND THE MAJORITY OF THE LESSER BROTHERS BUILDING, REHABILITATION OF THE CIVIC CENTER HOTEL, REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING ON-SITE SURFACE PARKING LOTS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE NEW BUILDINGS. IN TOTAL, THE PROJECT WOULD INCLUDE 455,900 SQUARE FEET OF RESIDENTIAL USES (CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 584 UNITS, INCLUDING 100 AFFORDABLE UNITS), 33,500 SQUARE FEET OF PRIVATE- AND PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE, 32,100 SQUARE FEET OF UNION FACILITY USE, AND 13,000 SQUARE FEET OF GROUND-FLOOR RETAIL/RESTAURANT USE. THE PROJECT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE VEHICULAR PARKING, BICYCLE PARKING, LOADING FACILITIES, AND STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "commission") hereby CERTIFIES the final environmental impact report identified as case no. 2015-005848ENV, the "1629 Market Street Mixed-Use Project" (hereinafter "project"), based upon the following findings:

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the planning department (hereinafter "department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, section 15000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA Guidelines") and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter "Chapter 31").
  - A. The department determined that an environmental impact report (hereinafter "EIR") was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on February 8, 2017.

- B. The department held a public scoping meeting on March 1, 2017 in order to solicit public comment on the scope of the project's environmental review.
  - C. On May 10, 2017, the department published the draft EIR (hereinafter "DEIR") and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the department's list of persons requesting such notice, and to property owners and occupants within a 300-foot radius of the site on May 10, 2017.
  - D. Notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted near the project site on May 10, 2017.
  - E. On May 10, 2017, copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.
  - F. A notice of completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on May 10, 2017.
2. The commission held a duly advertised public hearing on said DEIR on June 15, 2017 at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on June 26, 2017.
  3. The department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the 47-day public review period for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a response to comments document, published on October 4, 2017, distributed to the commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at the department.
  4. A final EIR (hereinafter "FEIR") has been prepared by the department, consisting of the DEIR, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the responses to comments document all as required by law.
  5. Project EIR files have been made available for review by the commission and the public. These files are available for public review at the department at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, and are part of the record before the commission.
  6. On October 19, 2017, the commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the FEIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
  7. The commission hereby does find that the FEIR concerning file no. 2015-005848ENV reflects the independent judgement and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate

and objective, and that the responses to comments document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR that would require recirculation of the document pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15088.5, and hereby does CERTIFY THE COMPLETION of said FEIR in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

8. The commission, in certifying the completion of said FEIR, hereby does find that the project described in the EIR would have the following significant unavoidable environmental impacts, which cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance:
  - A. The proposed project would have a significant, project-specific impact on historic architectural resources; and,
  - B. The proposed project would have a significant, cumulative construction impact related to transportation and circulation.
9. The commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the FEIR prior to approving the project.

I hereby certify that the foregoing motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of October 19, 2017.

  
Jonas P. Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Richards, Fong, Johnson, and Koppel  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Hillis, Melgar, and Moore  
ADOPTED: October 19, 2017