

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Potrero HOPE SF Zoning Map Amendments]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code by amending the Zoning Map Sheets SU-08 and HT-08 in connection with the Potrero HOPE SF project; adopting findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, as proposed for amendment, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

The City's Zoning Map, part of the Planning Code, assigns zoning districts and height and bulk districts to property across the City. Assessor's Block 4167, Lots 004 and 004A; Block 4220A, Lot 001; Block 4222A, Lot 001; Block 4285B, Lot 001; Block 4223, Lot 001; and Block 4287, Lots 001A and 007 encompass the Potrero HOPE SF (Housing Opportunities for People Everywhere San Francisco) project ("Project"). The current Zoning Map designates these parcels as Residential, Mixed Districts, Moderate Density (RM-2) use, and as 40-X (for Assessor's Block 4167, Lots 004 and 004A; Block 4220A, Lot 001; Block 4222A, Lot 001; Block 4285B, Lot 001; Block 4223, Lot 001) or 50X (for Assessor's Block 4287, Lots 001A and 007) height and bulk limit.

Amendments to Current Law

This Ordinance would amend the Zoning Map to accommodate the Potrero HOPE SF Project by rezoning all the lots to the Potrero Hope SF Special Use District and altering the height and bulk limits. Specifically, all lots would be designated 40/65-X.

Background Information

The Potrero HOPE SF project is generally bounded by Wisconsin, 23rd, Missouri, Texas, 25th, Connecticut, and 26th Streets. The Project involves replacing all 606 existing public housing units and integrating additional affordable and market-rate homes into the community for a total of approximately 1,700 units. Amenities will include open space, local services, and retail opportunities. The Project as a whole was evaluated in a Final Environmental Impact Statement, which was certified by HUD, and a Final Environmental Impact Report, which was certified and approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission has also approved a General Plan referral for the Project as a whole.

The Project is part of the City's HOPE SF program. HOPE SF is the nation's first large-scale public housing transformation collaborative aimed at disrupting intergenerational poverty, reducing social isolation, and creating vibrant mixed-income communities without mass

displacement of current residents. Launched in 2007, HOPE SF is a human and real estate capital commitment by the City. HOPE SF, the City's signature anti-poverty and equity initiative, is committed to breaking intergenerational patterns related to the insidious impacts of trauma and poverty, and to creating economic and social opportunities for current public housing residents through deep investments in education, economic mobility, health and safety.

This ordinance facilitates the orderly development of this site by rezoning the entire Project area to accommodate Project development. By separate legislation, the Board is considering a number of actions in furtherance of the Project, including the approval of amendments to the City's General Plan, Planning Code and Zoning Map, and approval of a Development Agreement.

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