

December 31, 2021

VIA E-MAIL & OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Board of Supervisors President Shamann Walton Supervisor Aaron Peskin Supervisor Rafael Mandelman Supervisor Connie Chan 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Board of Appeals Commissioner Darryl Honda

Dear Supervisors:

On behalf of our client, Board of Appeals Commissioner Darryl Honda, thank you for the opportunity to clarify and shed light on allegations in a recent Mission Local article pertaining to Commissioner Honda's personal financial interests and certain Board of Appeals votes in 2015 and 2017. ("Commissioner Testified That He Recused Himself from Hearing His Business Associate's Cases, But He Didn't Always Do It" (10/19/21), https://missionlocal.org/2021/10/darryl-honda-sia-dennis-richards-board-of-appeals/; copy attached.) We also appreciate the extension of time, which has allowed us to more closely review hundreds of pages of documents covering the last eight years of Commissioner Honda's financial transactions and voting record on the Board of Appeals.

From the outset, Commissioner Honda would like us to convey that he takes ethics laws and conflicts of interest very seriously, and has always made his best efforts to comply with all disclosure and disqualification requirements. While the legal statute of limitations on the matters at issue before the Rules Committee has long passed, he has combed through years of records and notes to make sure that the Committee has the best possible information at this time. All of the information provided in this letter is to the best of Commissioner Honda's and our knowledge and ability, and conveys our best understanding of the facts surrounding these matters.

That said, we also need to emphasize that, given that the votes in question took place between 4½ and almost 7 years ago, tracking down all relevant documents was often not easy, and some documents may be lost to history; moreover, Commissioner Honda does not necessarily recall all of the details of these meetings. If the Rules Committee is aware of any additional documents or information not contained in this letter, we would greatly appreciate

you sharing them with us so we may better respond to all facts at issue.

In order to respond to your questions regarding Commissioner Honda's participation in these Board of Appeals matters, we have reviewed as many of the purchase and sales agreements, commission receipts, and consulting agreements as are available at this time, which we compiled pursuant to Supervisor Walton's December 2, 2021 letter. We also reviewed the agendas for all of the Board of Appeals meetings which involved one or more of the individuals and entities listed in the December 2nd letter, as well as relevant documents available from the Assessor's Office. These documents do not reveal any business transactions with a party or agent before the Board within 12 months of Commissioner Honda's vote on a matter, other than the one described below. As you can appreciate, the purchase and sales agreements, commission receipts, and consulting agreements contain confidential and proprietary information, including financial information relating to individuals not involved in the matters before the Rules Committee in any way. If the Rules Committee still wishes to review any of these documents after reviewing this letter, we can work with City staff on a procedure for maintaining confidentiality.

Factual Background

Prior to every Board of Appeals meeting, Commissioner Honda receives documents from Board staff in order to determine, with advice from the City Attorney's office, whether he has any conflicts of interest which require disclosure or recusal. Specifically, he reviews lists of all applicants, determinates, and their agents in order to evaluate if he has an existing financial, business or personal relationship with any party. Commissioner Honda takes this evaluation process very seriously and, in fact, has recused himself from at least 16 Board matters, and has disclosed a business relationship with a party or party representative in at least 34 matters, in the span of our review alone. On a number of occasions, Commissioner Honda has consulted with the City Attorney's office to ensure that he has complied with all legal requirements to disqualify himself or disclose any relationship to the Board. Commissioner Honda recused himself and made disclosures every time he was advised to do so.

You have asked for information about three Board of Appeals matters, briefly described in the Mission Local article, from which Commissioner Honda did not recuse himself – two in 2015 and one in 2017. Based on our research, we believe these three matters involve: 40 Bernal Heights Boulevard and 965, 985 & 1025 Powhattan Avenue (collectively, the "Bernal Heights Matter"), 910 Carolina Street (the "Carolina Matter") and 437 Duncan Street (the "Duncan Matter"). The article alleges that these matters were "SIA-tied projects," presumably referring to the engineering and architectural firm, SIA Consulting. However, the

article did not explain that neither SIA Consulting nor any of its owners were actually the property owners or appellants in the three matters, but instead that SIA Consulting had provided engineering or architectural services to the property owners or appellants. The article also does not answer the question of whether Commissioner Honda received income from an owner of SIA Consulting within the 12 months prior to the votes on these projects, which is the crucial question for the conflict of interest analysis. (Cal. Govt. Code section 87103(c).) The goal of this letter is to clarify this part of the record, and to respond to any concerns which the Rules Committee might have regarding Commissioner Honda's potential conflicts of interest for these three matters.

Commissioner Honda has been a realtor in San Francisco for over 24 years, and assists in the sales and purchases of commercial and residential properties throughout the City. Over the years, Sia Tahbazof has been his client on multiple occasions. Mr. Tahbazof formerly owned SIA Consulting, but has evidently recently relinquished some or all of his ownership to Reza Khoshnevisan. We are not certain when exactly this transition took place, or of the exact ownership interest of the firm, as this information is not available to the public. Mr. Khoshnevisan was also Commissioner Honda's client for two transactions in 2021. Important for the question before the Rules Committee and most relevant to Mission Local article, Commissioner Honda has never received income from or worked directly for SIA Consulting.¹

Commissioner Honda also has a few of his own real estate development projects in the City, and has retained SIA Consulting to provide engineering or architectural services for some of these projects. Commissioner Honda is aware that City law requires him to disclose any "personal, business or financial relationships" with property owners, appellants and their representatives who are appearing before the Board, and he makes his best efforts to comply with this disclosure obligation. (S.F. Camp. & Govt. Conduct Code section 3.214.) In fact, he has publicly disclosed on the record that he has a business relationship with attorneys or other consultants who are appearing before the Board on at least 34 occasions since 2018. Mr. Honda does not recall whether he made such disclosures in these three cases, though he knows that he has indicated on the record in several proceedings that he has a business relationship

¹To the extent that the article makes it seem as if Commissioner Honda has ever acted as a realtor or otherwise been paid by SIA Consulting, it is incorrect. Again, SIA Consulting is an engineering and architectural firm which has provided consulting services to some of the property owners or appellants who have appeared before the Board, not a party itself to Board proceedings.

with SIA Consulting because he has retained the firm to provide engineering or architectural services on some of his real estate projects.

As already mentioned, in the matters discussed in the <u>Mission Local</u> article, and in other Boards of Appeals matters, SIA Consulting itself was not the appellant or property owner before the Board, but instead was hired by one of the parties to conduct analysis and perhaps draft architectural or engineering plans. The SIA Consulting employees who drafted the plans or who had expertise about the properties may have spoken before the Board. In such matters where Commissioner Honda knew SIA Consulting was hired by one of the parties and/or where an SIA Consulting employee spoke before the Board, he would recuse himself if he had received income from either Mr. Tahbazof or Mr. Khoshnevisan within the last 12 months.

Bernal Heights Matter²

In June 2017, December 2018 and January 2019, four related matters came before the Board protesting the issuance of permits to erect four houses at 40 Bernal Heights Boulevard, 965 Powhattan Avenue, 985 Powhattan Avenue and 1025 Powhattan Avenue. These matters were consolidated into a single agenda item at all Board meetings. On June 21, 2017, the Board unanimously voted to uphold the permits. The matter was appealed again and at the December 12, 2018 meeting, the Board postponed the second appeal to 2019 due to a lack of quorum. At the January 2019 meeting, the appellants withdrew their appeal and the matter was closed. The June 21, 2017 meeting was therefore the only meeting which included a substantive vote on the matter.

Neither SIA Consulting, Mr. Tahbazof nor Mr. Khoshnevisan were parties to this appeal as they were not the appellant or the owner of the property. However, a SIA Consulting employee was listed as an agent for the permit holder and spoke before the Board. Even though Commissioner Honda has recused himself when SIA Consulting is an agent for a party before the Board and he has received income from one of the firm's owners within the prior 12 months, he was able to vote on the Bernal Heights Matter because he had <u>not</u> received income from either Mr. Tahbazof or Mr. Khoshnevisan during the 12 months before the June 21, 2017 vote. At the time, the most recent transaction Commissioner Honda had with either

²For your convenience, we have attached minutes from the three Board of Appeals meetings where the Bernal Heights, Carolina and Duncan Matters were discussed, along with relevant materials from the agenda packets for each case.

client closed on January 27, 2016 (the Assessor's Office records list February 3, 2016), approximately 18 months before the vote, when he sold a property for Mr. Tahbazof. (See Bernal Heights Matter Attachments.) Therefore, Commissioner Honda believed that it was not a conflict of interest for him to vote on this matter. Commissioner Honda also recalls that on numerous occasions the City Attorney's office confirmed that he <u>could</u> vote on such matters where he had not received income from SIA Consulting the prior 12 months. Additionally, the 12-month period applies to the requirement to disclose business relationships (SFEC Reg. 3.214-4), so he also did not have to mention on the record that he had done work with the firm in the past.

Carolina Matter

On June 24, 2015, the Board voted unanimously to grant an appeal of a permit to construct a house at 910 Carolina Street. The Board's decision conditioned the permit on revised plans which were brought before the Board at the meeting.

Just as in the Bernal Heights Matter, SIA Consulting, Mr. Tahbazof and Mr. Khoshnevisan were not named parties in the appeal, nor did they own the property in question. SIA Consulting was listed as an agent for the property owner as the firm helped draft the architectural plans for the house. Noticing SIA Consulting was the architect of record, Commissioner Honda reviewed his real estate agent records in order to determine if he had done work for Mr. Tahbazof or Mr. Khoshnevisan in the previous 12 months. Seeing that his last transaction for either of them had closed on April 23, 2014 (the Assessor's Office lists April 22, 2014), approximately 14 months before the vote, Commissioner Honda was free to vote on this matter. (See Carolina Matter Attachments.) Given the vote was outside of this 12 month window, he also did not have to mention on the record that he had done work with the firm.

Duncan Matter

On April 8, 2015, Commissioner Honda joined a unanimous vote denying an appeal of a permit to demolish a one-story house and construct a three-story house. Like the other two matters, SIA Consulting, Mr. Tahbazof and Mr. Khoshnevisan were neither the appellant nor the property owner. SIA Consulting was also not mentioned as an agent in the appeal statement or Notice of Appeal submitted by the appellant, or in the response submitted by the property owner. Seeing no mention of SIA Consulting or either of its owners in the correspondence about the immediate 2015 appeal, Commissioner Honda had no reason to believe he could not cast his vote with the unanimous majority.

However, SIA Consulting had evidently previously done work for the property owner in the Duncan Matter. Although we can not confirm for certain exactly which documents Commissioner Honda received in his packet for this meeting (which took place 6 ½ years ago), the agenda packet on the Board's website now contains about 100 pages of backup documentation for the appeal and the history of the property, including its previous appeals and permits. During our review of this backup documentation, we discovered that SIA Consulting was listed as an agent for the applicant in the original 2012 permit filing, as the firm was evidently the original architect of the 2012 permit application, though the name of a different architecture firm was listed on the blueprints that came before the Board in 2015. (See Duncan Matter Attachments.) Until we found these notes on the original permit, Commissioner Honda was not aware that SIA Consulting was ever involved with the property at all.³

The issue in this appeal was whether the permit was properly issued given a recent challenge to whether it complied with affordability requirements. Although he cannot recall exactly his thought process from April 2015, Commissioner Honda believes that he was most likely focused on the most substantive and more recent documents – i.e., the March 19, 2015 letter from the appellant and the April 2, 2015 response from the property owner – in order to analyze the affordability question, whereas the 2012 paperwork about the original permits was really not relevant to the questions before the Board. (The Board ultimately denied the appeal, which meant that the three-story house could be built under the original permit.)

Because SIA Consulting had evidently done work for the property owner in the Duncan Matter (although unbeknownst to Commissioner Honda at the time, and not clear from the record), Commissioner Honda should have done the same conflict of interest analysis which he had done for the Bernal Heights Matter and the Carolina Matter; namely, determine whether he had been paid a commission for buying or selling a piece of property for the one of the firm's owners in the prior 12 months. Our understanding is that, at the time of this vote in April 2015, Commissioner Honda most recently worked for either Mr. Tahbazof or Mr. Khoshnevisan in early 2014, closing a sale on April 23, 2014, 11 months and 17 days before

³In a Notice of Appeal, the engineers, architects and attorneys representing the appellant and property owner are typically listed under "Address of Other Parties." SIA Consulting was listed in this space for the Carolina Matter. For the Bernal Heights Matter, SIA Consulting was not listed in this space, but a SIA Consulting employee was separately listed and appeared before the Board as a speaker. However, in the Duncan Matter, SIA Consulting was not listed as an agent or a speaker.

the vote.⁴ Had Commissioner Honda known that SIA Consulting had done work for the property owner, he therefore would have recused himself, just as he had done in other matters involving SIA Consulting.

Commissioner Honda's Legal Duties

As you know, the disqualification rules are often complicated, and do not necessarily require a public official to recuse him or herself from a matter, even if the matter somehow involves one of the official's personal financial interests. Specifically, Board of Appeals Commissioners are only legally required to recuse themselves when they know or have reason to know that a vote will have a "reasonably foreseeable" and "material" financial effect on a source of their income within the last 12 months. (Cal. Govt. Code section 87103(c).) The FPPC has adopted specific regulations to determine when the impact on an official's financial interest is deemed to be "material" and thereby triggers disqualification If a Commissioner's source of income is the named party in the appeal, then he or she may not participate in the matter under nearly any circumstance. (2 Cal. Code of Regs. section 18702.3(a)(1).) However, if a Commissioner's source of income is not a named party in a matter, but still may be affected somehow by the matter, then the effect on the source of income is only deemed to be material if the decision is likely to increase or decrease the business entity's annual revenues by either \$1 million or 5 percent. (2 Cal. Code of Regs. section 18702.3(a)(2)(B), referencing section 18702.1(a)(2).)

Therefore, the law only requires Commissioner Honda to recuse himself from Board matters where SIA Consulting is working with the property owner or applicant if: (1) he has received commission income from one of SIA Consulting's owners in the prior 12 months; and (2) the Board matter would either increase or decrease the firm's annual revenues by \$1 million or 5 percent. The FPPC has confirmed on numerous occasions that public officials are legally permitted to participate in matters which may have an impact on one of their sources of income if the matter will not meet the requisite monetary thresholds in the applicable regulations. (See e.g., FPPC Advice Letter to Georgeann White (2007) A-07-106.)

Commissioner Honda has consistently gone beyond these legal requirements. (See

⁴Because this sale occurred over seven years ago, we can not confirm the exact date when Commissioner Honda received his commission payment. The buyer and seller finalized and signed the sales contract on April 3, 2014 (outside the 12 month window before the vote), but escrow did not close until April 23, 2014, and the Assessor's Office lists April 22, 2014 (within the 12 month window). (See Duncan Matter Attachments.)

Board of Appeals Regular Board Meeting Minutes (12/4/2019) ["Commissioner Honda stated that he was not legally bound to recuse himself but he was doing so to protect the integrity and fairness of the Board's proceedings"].) If he knows that SIA Consulting is representing a property owner or appellant, either because a SIA Consulting employee appears before Board, or SIA Consulting is listed on the appeal documents, he consistently recuses himself from the matter if he has received commission from one of SIA Consulting's owners within the past 12 months, regardless of how the decision may impact the firm's fees. Because he is not privy to whether the decision of the Board of Appeals is likely to impact the fees earned by the engineering firm retained by the property owner or appellant, and certainly cannot know the exact amount of any increase in the firm's fees, recusing himself in all situations is clearly the safest course of action.

In both the Bernal Heights Matter and the Carolina Matter, he had not received income from any owners of SIA Consulting (or from the appellant or the property owner) in the previous 12 months. Not only was he therefore allowed under the law to vote on these matters and not required to make the disclosure on the public record, but also his position as the realtor for an owner of the firm representing the property owner or appellant did not have any real or perceived impact on his vote. While Commissioner Honda appreciates why the Mission Local article may have raised questions about his ability to vote on these matters, the newspaper did not have access to the dates and amounts of his commission payments when writing the article (and Commissioner Honda does not recall the writer asking for this information before going to print).

In the Duncan Matter, Commissioner Honda was not aware at the time of the vote that SIA Consulting had worked for the property owner in the past, so he was not aware, when he joined in the unanimous vote, that he had received income from an owner 11-and-a-half months earlier. No SIA Consulting employee spoke before the Board or was involved in the 2015 appeal, like they were in the Bernal Heights Matter and Carolina Matter. As demonstrated by his actions vis-a-vis similar matters before and after these votes, Commissioner Honda certainly would have spent the time to determine whether he was required to recuse himself from this matter if he had known that SIA Consulting had done architectural work for the owner of the Duncan Matter property. Saying that, it is not clear from the record whether Commissioner Honda's vote on this matter actually violated the law, because it is not known whether the firm would have received any additional fees based on the Board's decision on the permit. However, it does not seem unreasonable to conclude that the decision to deny the appeal and thereby allow the three-story house to be built pursuant to the original permits did not increase the firm's annual revenues in 2015 by either \$1 million or 5 percent given the firm's work was completed in 2012 and future blueprints were produced by a

different engineering firm.

It is also not certain whether he was required to make a public disclosure in the Duncan Matter. He was not required to make these disclosures in the Bernal Heights Matter or the Carolina Matter because he had not received commission income from the firm's owners during the prior 12 months; if he was required to make this disclosure in the Duncan Matter but did not do so, then it was an inadvertent oversight.

Conclusion

Commissioner Honda would again like to thank Supervisor Walton and the entire Board of Supervisors for the opportunity to serve on the Board of Appeals for the past nine years, and he very much looks forward to continuing to serve on the Board in the future. He also wants to again thank the Rules Committee for taking the time to fully understand the facts surrounding the three votes described in the Mission Local article, and hopes that the Committee members appreciate that he has always made good faith efforts to always comply with all applicable disclosure and disqualification obligations. The question of when a Commissioner is legally required to recuse him or herself from a matter is often nuanced, and is more complicated when the Commissioner's financial interest is not the property owner or appellant appearing before the Board, but rather is a consulting firm which may be doing work for the property owner or appellant. And while the statute of limitations has run, Commissioner Honda still takes these allegations seriously and hopes to completely clear the record and respond to any and all concerns of the Committee.

In sum, Commissioner Honda could not have had a disqualification or disclosure obligation in the Bernal Heights Matter and Carolina Matter as he did not receive income from the property owners, appellants, or any owner of one of their consulting firms during the 12 months prior to the votes. He only voted on these matters after confirming that he did not have a conflict of interest. In the Duncan Matter, Commissioner Honda was completely unaware that SIA Consulting had worked for the property owner three years before the appeal, and clearly he would have disqualified himself and made the public disclosure if he had known. He apologizes for this oversight. At the same time, we always want to emphasize for the Rules Committee that his participation in the Duncan Matter more likely than not did not violate the conflict of interest law, because it does not seem likely that the Board's vote to uphold the existing permit could result in a material effect on SIA Consulting, as that term is defined in the applicable FPPC regulation.

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Please feel free to contact us with any questions before the next Rules Committee meeting on this matter. Again, if you are aware of any additional documentation from these historical cases which are relevant to whether Commissioner Honda could participate in them, we would appreciate the opportunity to review this information before the upcoming Rules Committee hearing.

Sincerely,

James R. Sutton

cc: Darryl Honda Attachments JPF/dfm #2284.01

MISSION LOCAL ARTICLE



GOVERNMENT

Commissioner testified that he recused himself from hearing his business associate's cases — but he didn't always do it

Board of Appeals president Darryl Honda concedes he should've recused himself, but says City Attorney cleared his move





Board of Appeals president Darryl Honda, seen here recusing himself from a case involving SIA Consulting on May 6, 2019

San Francisco Board of Appeals president Darryl Honda unambiguously swore in a deposition earlier this year that he recuses himself whenever a project from SIA Consulting comes before his commission.

"I'm their realtor," Honda explained regarding SIA, which bills itself as a "planning, design and engineering" firm. It's a position Honda estimated he's held for "10 or 11 years."

A review of cases before the Board of Appeals, however, does not bear out Honda's claim: Mission Local found at least three SIA projects in which Honda failed to recuse himself: Two in 2015, and one in 2017.

Bob Stern, the former president of the Center for Governmental Studies and a former general counsel for the Fair Political Practices Commission, said "I'm not sure this is illegal, but I would say it doesn't look right."

Added Paul Melbostad, who served eight years on the city's Ethics Commission and four on the Board of Appeals' precursor, the Board of Permit Appeals, said, "He should've recused himself. This appears to be a violation of the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code. He *for sure* should've disclosed it."

The Board of Appeals, as its name implies, is the final arbiter short of the legal system for anyone who feels the wrong decision was made by city commissions or permitgranting officials. It is a little-heralded city body, but an important and powerful one. Honda was first appointed to the Board of Appeals by Mayor Ed Lee in 2012.

In the three SIA cases Honda heard, he voted along with his colleagues to deny the appeal made against a SIA-tied project in **2015** and **2017**. In a complex 2015 case, Honda and the board voted **to uphold the permit on a SIA project**, but only on the condition of revised plans being adopted.

Honda, however, *did* recuse himself from SIA cases both before and after the three he heard: Mission Local found <u>a recusal in 2013</u>, one <u>in 2019</u> and <u>two in 2021</u>.

On March 6, 2019, **Honda explained his recusal** to his fellow commissioners with the following statement: "Upon advice from our City Attorney, I'd like to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. One of the permit-holders that's before this body is my regular, uh, I am their Realtor. And they have been a source of income, and although there is not currently a conflict of interest I would like to be consistent to avoid any potential conflict of interest."

In none of these recusals did Honda refer to SIA by name.

'... The advice I had been given prior'

Reached on his mobile phone, Honda conceded that, in hindsight, he should've recused himself in those three earlier SIA cases, but said City Attorney advice informed his decision to not do so.

"In retrospect, I probably should have recused," he said. "I was just going along with the advice I had been given prior."

That advice, Honda said, came from a prior deputy city attorney who had advised the Board of Appeals. That attorney "did not give me as much guidance. The current one has been more direct with guidance."

Up until a couple of years ago, Honda said he'd hear a SIA case if he hadn't sold property to SIA within a year. He also drew a distinction between projects in which SIA was a hired representative — and guaranteed payment, win or lose — or if the project was the company's own, and more was at stake.

The current deputy city attorney, Honda said, has advised him to recuse himself more broadly.

When informed of Honda's recollection and rationale, City Attorney spokesman John Coté sent the following written statement: "All City commissioners are trained in ethics requirements and have our Good Government Guide as a resource. They can also seek advice from our office, which is recognized as one of the premier public law

offices in the country. Ultimately it's the official's responsibility to disclose their potential conflicts and take responsibility for the decisions they make. Commissioner Honda needs to take responsibility for his decisions."

Melbostad, who served on what was essentially the same commission, feels Honda hasn't done enough.

"If I was a Board of Appeals commissioner and I had received a payment 13 months ago, I feel that's something the parties to the case should know — and I should recuse myself unless they said they don't have a problem with that," said Melbostad. "One year is a very short period of time. That does not make sense to me."

Text chain

The February, 2021, sworn deposition in which Honda was quizzed about SIA was part of **former planning commissioner Dennis Richards**' ongoing litigation vs. the city.

Richards maintains the Department of Building Inspection retaliated against him by revoking nine permits on his project on Sept. 30, 2019.

The lawsuit also alleges a close relationship between Honda and Department of Building Inspection higher-ups.

It cites a Sept. 27, 2019, text-message chain between Honda and Richards that starts with a text from Honda: "Hey bro, there's some not so nice stuff going around about you right now. What's up." Richards contends Honda was dispatched by Department of Building Inspection brass to urge Richards to stop scrutinizing DBI — or suffer reprisals on his project.

Honda declined to go into detail on the allegations in this ongoing case. But he did deny Richards' charge that he was involved in any "quid pro quo" offer. He also denied the charges made in an <u>Aug. 13 lawsuit</u> filed by former Board of Appeals employee Katy Sullivan; she alleges that Honda improperly removed documentation

of his Sept. 27, 2019, text message exchange with Richards from the file for Richards' case before the Board of Appeals in 2019.

'To eat'

Apart from recusal matters or legal allegations, text messages obtained by Richards' counsel and discussed during the February deposition point to a chummy relationship between Honda and Department of Building Inspection higher-ups, some of whom regularly appear before him and represent their department at the Board of Appeals.

Honda conceded that he sometimes texts Joe Duffy, a DBI deputy director who regularly serves as the department's representative to the Board of Appeals, in the midst of Board of Appeals meetings to discuss the cases being heard.

Honda also texted Duffy regarding golf tournaments, social engagements and permit issues on a property. On the latter, he asked for a recommendation on who could resolve the permitting problem. Duffy suggested Honda hire Amy Lee, a former DBI director who is now a permit consultant. Honda did, in fact, hire Lee, but denied it was due to Duffy's recommendation or even that such a recommendation took place.

"You just said he's never recommended anybody to you," said Richards' attorney, Scott Emblidge, during the February deposition. "Isn't he right here recommending Amy Lee?"

"I guess he is," conceded Honda. "I didn't see that text and I don't recall him recommending [Lee]. I've asked Joe for recommendations in the past and he has always declined to give recommendations."

The communications also revealed that Honda had set up a lunch meeting between Duffy and SIA Consulting's Bahman Ghassemzadeh and Reza Khoshnevisan (Duffy wrote Honda he got too busy to attend and offered apologies to Ghassemzadeh and Khoshnevisan).

When questioned about why he wanted to arrange a lunch with Duffy and SIA representatives, Honda answered "to eat."

SIA in the news

SIA, meanwhile, found itself in the headlines this summer when senior building inspector Bernie Curran hurriedly resigned after the City Attorney <u>discovered that he failed to disclose a \$180,000 "loan" from Freydoon Ghassemzadeh, whose family operates SIA</u>. It is unclear if this money was ever paid back, or was even intended to be paid back, which would change this from a "loan" to an "alleged bribe."

A September report from the city controller noted that a second Department of Building Inspection employee also "owed Mr. Ghassemzadeh a significant amount of money when this employee was still working for the department and reviewing plans submitted to obtain permits for work at properties Mr. Ghassemzadeh owned."

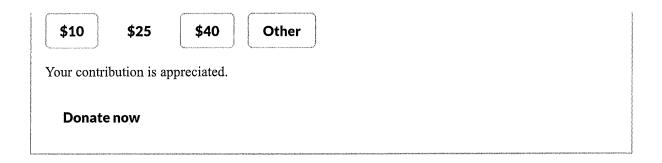
While that employee was not named in the report, Mission Local located Assessor's documents revealing that former DBI plan-checker **Rodolfo "Rudy" Pada** received loans from Ghassemzadeh on a Sunset District home.

When asked by Mission Local why he unambiguously stated in the sworn deposition that he recused himself from SIA cases — when, in actuality, his practice was more conditional — Honda said "I don't remember what I said. I had a five-and-a-half hour deposition and it was months ago."

He added: "I believe I heard the cases fairly and treated everyone equally."

An earlier version of this story did not make it clear that Duffy declined to attend the lunch invite from Honda with SIA representatives.

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"Your humble narrator" was a writer and columnist for SF Weekly from 2007 to 2015, and a senior editor at San Francisco Magazine from 2015 to 2017. You may also have read his work in the Guardian (U.S. and U.K.); San Francisco Public Press; San Francisco Chronicle; San Francisco Examiner; Dallas Morning News; and elsewhere.

He resides in the Excelsior with his wife and three (!) kids, 4.3 miles from his birthplace and 5,474 from hers.

The Northern California branch of the Society of Professional Journalists named Eskenazi the 2019 Journalist of the Year.

More by Joe Eskenazi

Concerned SF

October 19, 2021 at 8:15 am

Incredible work. Real journalism that is exposing the roots of corruption. Are you planning to reveal the malfeasance in the dept of homelessness?

Clyde Conrad

October 19, 2021 at 9:24 am

Corruption starts with Mayor Breed!

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October 19, 2021 at 2:38 pm

"Bernie Curran hurriedly resigned after the City Attorney discovered that he failed to disclose a \$180,000 "loan" from Freydoon Ghassemzadeh, whose family operates SIA. It is unclear if this money was ever paid back or was even intended to be paid back — which would change this from a "loan" to an "alleged bribe."

It would also change it from a loan to income, which makes for an interesting conversation with the IRS and a significant immediate tax liability.

Clyde Conrad

October 19, 2021 at 2:55 pm

Strange the Mayor paid a fine for ethics violations. The city atty Dennis changes jobs, after what 20 years?

Sarah Smith

October 21, 2021 at 10:35 am

Hi Joe

In the interests of fair and balanced reporting please inform your readers how many times Pat Buscovich came before the planning commission while he was the engineer of record for Dennis Richards' project. Of these times, in how many did Dennis recuse himself?

Thank you!

Joe Eskenazi 🕹

October 21, 2021 at 11:41 am

Sir or madam —

A few things: First, stop sock-puppeting on our site. Don't leave multiple comments under multiple names. We can tell.

Second: What Dennis Richards did or didn't do is not relevant to what Darryl Honda did or didn't do — whether it was wrong or right, ethical or unethical.

Third: Dennis Richards resigned in March 2020.

Fourth: Dennis Richards paid Pat Buscovich money to work as an engineer. Whereas SIA was the one paying Honda money; he worked for them. This is not the same dynamic.

Yours,

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December 22, 2021 at 7:03 pm

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REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF APPEALS, JUNE 21, 2017 - PAGE 5

ITEMS (11A) THROUGH (11D) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER

(11A) APPEAL NO. 17-063

	MELISSA SHAW, Appellant(s)	965 Powhattan Avenue.
	VS.	Protesting the ISSUANCE on April 17, 2017, to
		Patrick Harty, of a Site Permit (to erect a two-
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-	PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL	residence).
		APPLICATION NO. 2014/05/21/6382S.
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(11B) **APPEAL NO. 17-064**

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(11C) APPEAL NO. 17-065

MELISSA SHAW, Appellant(s)	40 Bernal Heights Boulevard.
VS.	Protesting the ISSUANCE on April 17, 2017, to
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(11D) **APPEAL NO. 17-066**

MELISSA SHAW, Appellant(s)	1025 Powhattan Avenue.
VS.	Protesting the ISSUANCE on April 17, 2017, to
	Patrick Harty, of a Site Permit (to erect a two-
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ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Fung, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Commissioner Swig absent) to deny the appeals and uphold the permits on the basis that they were properly issued.

SPEAKERS: Betsy Brown, agent for appellant; Melissa Shaw, appellant; Dan Frattin, attorney for permit holder; Amir Afifi, agent for permit holder; Scott Sanchez, ZA; Joseph Duffy, DBI.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Terry Milne, Rafael Vranizan, Barbara Underberg, Herbert Felsenfeld and Linda Bettencourt spoke in support of the appellant. Michael Snead asked whether the City will take responsibly for the Carver Street improvements.

REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF APPEALS, JANUARY 23, 2019 - PAGE 4

(7) APPEAL NO. 18-141

BARBARA UNDERBERG, Appellant(s) vs.

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF STREET USE AND MAPPING, Respondent

40 Bernal Heights Boulevard.

Protesting the ISSUANCE on October 09, 2018, to SIA Consulting Corp., of a Street Improvement Permit (to remove and reconstruct new 10-foot driveway curb cut and sidewalk per approved plan; additional paving as required and directed by SFPW-BSM inspector; field inspection is mandatory prior to excavation and pouring concrete).

PERMIT NO. 17IE-0568. FOR HEARING TODAY.

Note: On December 12, 2018, the Board voted 4-0-1 (President Fung absent) to reschedule this matter to January 23, 2019 due to a lack of a quorum.

ACTION: Withdrawn.

ITEMS (8A) AND (8B) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER

(8A) APPEAL NO. 18-135

DEETJE BOLER, Appellant(s)

VS.

SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent 100 Larkin Street.

Protesting the ISSUANCE on September 27, 2018, to the San Francisco Public Library of a Public Works Order (APPROVAL of request to remove with replacement 19 ficus street trees along the Grove Street and Hyde Street frontages of the subject property; replacement trees shall be a minimum 24-inch box size and the species shall be red maple or a cultivar of that species). ORDER NO. 188456. FOR HEARING TODAY.

(8B) APPEAL NO. 18-136

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APPLICATION NO. 2014/05/21/6382S

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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF APPEALS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF APPEAL

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BRIEFING SCHEDULE:

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The reasons for this appeal are as follows:

See attachment to the Preliminary Statement of Appeal.

Appellant or Agent (Circle One):

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April 28, 2017

Board of Appeals 1650 Mission Street, Suite 304 San Francisco, CA 94103

Re:

NOTICE OF APPEAL OF ISSUANCE OF PERMIT

Permit Application Number 2014-0521-6382-S

Permit Number 1422619 Issue Date: April 17, 2017 BOARD OF APPEALS

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Regards,

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF APPEAL

I / We, Melissa Shaw, hereby appeal the following departmental action: ISSUANCE of Site Permit No. 2014/05/21/6394S by the Department of Building Inspection which was issued or became effective on: April 17, 2017, to: Patrick Harty, for the property located at: 40 Bernal Heights Blvd.

BRIEFING SCHEDULE:

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If you have any questions please call the Board of Appeals at 415-575-6880

The reasons for this appeal are as follows:

See attachment to the Preliminary Statement of Appeal.

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April 28, 2017

Board of Appeals 1650 Mission Street, Suite 304 San Francisco, CA 94103 **BOARD OF APPEALS**

APR 272017 APPEAL # 17-065

Re:

NOTICE OF APPEAL OF ISSUANCE OF PERMIT Permit Application Number 2014-0521-6382-S

Permit Number 1422619 Issue Date: April 17, 2017

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Regards,

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CAROLINA MATTER ATTACHMENTS

REGULAR MEETING, BOAKD OF APPEALS, JUNE 24, 2015 - CAGE 4

ITEMS (8A) & (8B) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER:

(8A) APPEAL NO. 15-049

DOROTHY LARSON, Appellant(s) 910 Carolina Street. Protesting the ISSUANCE on March 20, 2015, to Leon Kemel, of a Permit to Erect a Building DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent (construct a three-story, single-family dwelling with 4,848sf of ground floor area). PLANNING DEPT, APPROVAL APPLICATION NO. 2013/03/12/2050S. PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON MAY 06, 2015. FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION TODAY. Note: matter was continued to allow time for the parties to negotiate issues such as a reduction in bulk, maximizing light and compatibility and with neighborhood.

(8B) APPEAL NO. 15-051

PEGGY SNIDER, Appellant(s)	910 Carolina Street.
VS.	Protesting the ISSUANCE on March 20, 2015,
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ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Honda, the Board voted 4-0-1 (Commissioner Swig absent) to grant the appeals and condition the permit on the revised plans dated June 17, 2015, on the basis that the reduction in the revised plans is sufficient.

SPEAKERS: John Kevlin, attorney for appellant; Dorothy Larson, appellant; Peggy Snider, appellant; Scott Sanchez, ZA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kathy Pagan Quadros, Elizabeth Brodersen and Kirsten Curtis spoke in support of the appellants.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPROVAL Respondent	

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APPLICATION NO. 2013/03/12/2050S

FOR HEARING ON May 06, 2015

Address of Appellant(s):	Address of Other Parties:
Dorothy Larson, Appellant	Leon Kemel, Permit Holder
507 Brunswick Street	c/o Reza Khoshnevisan, Agent for Permit Holder
San Francisco, CA 94112	1256 Howard Street
. ,	San Francisco, CA 94110

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MAR 24 2015 APPEAL # 15-049

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF APPEALS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF APPEAL

I / We, Dorothy Larson, hereby appeal the following departmental action: ISSUANCE of Permit to Erect a Building BPA NO. 2013/03/12/2050S by the Department of Building Inspection which was issued or became effective on: March 20, 2015, to: Leon Kemel, for the property located at: 910 Carolina Street.

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Appellant or Agent (Circle One);

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CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF APPEALS

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF APPEAL

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Appellant or Agent (Circle One):

Signature:

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REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF APPEALS, APRIL 8, 2015 - PAGE 3

ITEMS (6A) AND (6B) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER:

(6A) APPEAL NO. 15-020

GEORGIA SCHUTTISH, Appellant(s)	437 Duncan Street.
vs.	Protesting the ISSUANCE on January 21,
	2015, to Risteard O'Sulleabhain, of a
DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent	Demolition Permit (demolish one-story single-
PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL	family dwelling with 690sf of ground floor
	area).
	APPLICATION NO. 2012/07/16/4978.
	FOR HEARING TODAY.

(6B) APPEAL NO. 15-021

GEORGIA SCHUTTISH, Appellant(s)	437 Duncan Street.
VS.	Protesting the ISSUANCE on January 21,
	2015, to 437 Duncan LLC, of a Permit to
DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent	Erect a Building (construct three-story, single-
PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL	family dwelling with 1,423sf of ground floor
	area).
	APPLICATION NO. 2012/04/18/8570S.
	FOR HEARING TODAY.

ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Fung, the Board voted 5-0 to deny the appeals and uphold the permits on the basis that the design was appropriately vetted by the Planning Department.

SPEAKERS: Georgia Schuttish, appellant; Jody Knight, attorney for permit holder; Cathlyne Scharetg, agent for permit holder; Scott Sanchez, ZA.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Leticia Gonzalez, Celia Rose and Petra Janopaul spoke in support of the appellant.

(7) APPEAL NO. 15-022

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, Respondent

1049-1051 Market Street.

Protesting the ISSUANCE on February 02, 2015, to John Gall & Terry Bogart, of a Request for Release of Suspension (asking that the Dept. of Building Inspection release the suspension against BPA No. 2013/07/26/2890 - comply with NOV No. 200711850; demo of office walls on 5th floor through 1st floor). FOR HEARING TODAY.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT on February 03, 2015, the above named appellant(s) filed an appeal with the Board of Appeals of the City and County of San Francisco from the decision or order of the above named department(s), commission, or officer.

The substance or effect of the decision or order appealed from is the ISSUANCE on January 21, 2015, to Risteard O'Sulleabhain, of a Demolition Permit (demolish one-story single-family dwelling with 690sf of ground floor area) at 437 Duncan Street.

APPLICATION NO. 2012/07/16/4978

FOR HEARING ON April 08, 2015

Address of Appellant(s):	Address of Other Parties:
Georgia Schuttish, Appellant	Risteard O'Sulleabhain, Permit Holder
460 Duncan Street	c/o John Kevlin, Attorney for Permit Holder
San Francisco, CA 94131	One Bush Street #600
	San Francisco, CA 94104



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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF APPEAL

I / We, Georgia Schuttish, hereby appeal the following departmental action: ISSUANCE of Demolition Permit BPA NO. 2012/07/16/4978 by the Department of Building Inspection which was issued or became effective on: January 21, 2015, to: Risteard O'Sulleabhain, for the property located at: 437 Duncan Street.

BRIEFING SCHEDULE:

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March 19, 2015

To: Board of Appeals

Re: Appeal # 15-020 and Appeal # 15-021

437 Duncan Street Hearing Date: April 8, 2015

Demolition Permit #2012.07.16.4978

Building Permit #2012.04.18.8570

Dear President Lazarus and Members of the Board:

Below is a two-page summary. It is followed by an 13 page brief, one page of footnotes, an exhibit list and eight exhibits.

Because this project is a Demolition of housing and Section 317 of the Planning Code applies, the Board should do one of two things. Please either amend the Building Permit to have this permit comply with Section 317 *OR* deny the Demolition Permit for this project because the project proposed under the Building Permit does not meet the Demolition Review Criteria, described in Section 317, specifically Planning Code Section 317(d)(3)(C)(ix).

In order to meet this criterion the proposed project must "...protect the relative affordability of existing housing". The proposed project will not do that, because not only will this proposed project have more square footage than the average square footage for the nearby existing houses, it will also be larger in absolute size than any other existing single family house on the 400 block of Duncan Street.

It is easily stipulated that the less square footage in a project, the more "relatively affordable", a project will be. Therefore, this appeal brief requests that you should amend the Building Permit by removing the roof deck and reducing the square footage of the project by approximately 400 to 500 square feet of space, spread out over the three living levels of the proposed 2,986 square feet (3,544 gross square feet) to allow the creation of a project that "...protects the relative affordability of the existing housing."

Or you should deny the issuance of the Demolition Permit if you cannot amend the Building Permit to meet the "relative affordability" criteria of this section.

Additionally, I suggest that you should consider some addition criteria from Section 317, specifically, Section 317(d)(3)(C)(vii) and (viii) and certainly Section 101.1 when evaluating these two permits. Further, this project violates the Residential Design Guidelines. These concern neighborhood preservation, conservation, design and context and they are discussed toward the end of the brief.

However, this appeal is primarily concerned with the issue of "relative affordability" as stated in Planning Code Section 317(d)(3)(C)(ix) and I hope that you as members of the Board of Appeals will deal with this issue directly.

Sincerely, Georgia Schuttish Appellant

Section I

This appeal is primarily about relative affordability, which is a criterion from Section 317(d)(3)(C)(ix) of the San Francisco Planning Code. This criterion is one of four criteria listed as "Priority Policies" on the affirmed Application for Demolition.

The exact wording of the criterion in the Planning Code is:

"Whether the project protects the relative affordability of existing housing". (See Exhibit 1)

On October 15, 2012, the project sponsor filed their affirmed Application for Demolition with the Planning Department for the property at 437 Duncan Street. In their response to this Section 317(d)(3)(C)(ix) criterion they stated the following,

"The proposed single family dwelling protects the relative affordability of existing housing" (See Exhibit 2)

(For the complete affirmed Application for Demolition please see Exhibit 8 which covers both Planning Code Sections 317 and 101.1).

However, the proposed project does not "...protect(s) the relative affordability of existing housing" (and it certainly cannot be a true fact just by saying it is so). Here is why.

First, the project sponsor has never challenged the fact of the affordability of the existing structure, an 800+ square foot cottage on the rear of the lot that contains two bedrooms and a basement. It is affordable.

Second, the project sponsor is proposing a new structure at 2,986 square feet plus a roof deck. The gross square footage is 3,544 square feet which includes the two car garage. As proposed, this would be the largest, single family home on the 400 block of Duncan.

Third, the average square footage of the single family homes in the approximate 150 foot radius is 1,556 square feet. (See Exhibit 3).

This should be a standard for "existing housing", the housing that should be "protected" according to the Planning Code, because this

is the "existing housing". And what is intended to be "protected" is "the relative affordability of existing housing."

Fourth, there have been two recent sales of single family homes that are listed on the spread sheet in Exhibit 3. These sold homes were less than the square footage of the proposed project and closer to the average square footage of the existing housing, than the proposed project. (See Exhibit 4) These two homes with their more modest square footage and their sales price are good benchmarks for understanding "...the relative affordability of existing housing" criterion that this Building Permit must meet in order to issue the Demolition Permit.

Fifth, it can easily be stipulated that a residential structure, any house, that has less square footage will be more affordable than a house with more square footage.

Sixth, if the Demolition Permit is upheld, then the new Building Permit at 437 Duncan as currently proposed will become, "....existing housing". This proposed project will have more square footage than

Exhibit 3. Which will make the new house on Duncan Street, less relatively affordable than the existing housing.

Therefore it will not "...protect(s) the relative affordability of existing housing."

Due to these six points the proposed structure does not meet this very important Section in the Planning Code of the City and County of San Francisco.

Why is this an important criterion and why is this an important section of the Planning Code? Because it is applicable to this project. And because it has been incorrectly affirmed by the project sponsor in the Application for Demolition.

And because according to key decision makers, we are in a housing crisis with regard to affordability. "Relative affordability" obviously matters as well. Decision makers voted to put "relative"

affordability" in the Planning Code and to let it remain in the Planning Code.

Section II

Please remember, that due to Planning Code Section 317 these projects are inextricably linked. If the Demolition Review Criterion of "relative affordability" is not met, the Board should not allow the issuance of the Demolition Permit. If the Demolition Permit is not issued, then the Building Permit cannot be issued. Therefore, one of two things must happen. Either,

1. The Demolition Permit is denied, because the structure proposed under the Building Permit does not meet the criterion in Planning Code Section 317(d)(3)(C)(ix) as outlined above in Section I

2. The Building Permit is amended by reducing the square footage of the proposed structure to "protect(s) the relative affordability of existing housing"

Based on Exhibits 3 and 4 we know what the average square footage is for the "existing housing" and we know the sales price of two of the recently sold homes of "existing housing" and their square footage price. Also there is information of the price per square foot of homes in the greater Noe Valley Neighborhood. (See Exhibit 5).

The price per square foot apparently ranges from \$1,000 to \$1,400 a square foot. It is easy to stipulate that the more square footage in a structure, particularly a new structure, a structure will be less "relatively affordable" than a structure with less square footage. Less square footage equals more "relatively affordability".

To begin to make the proposed structure at 437 Duncan more relatively affordable there is a very quick fix: Remove the roof deck. It can be argued that roof decks add to the unaffordability of housing. It is hard to gauge what impact a roof deck has on "relative"

affordability", but even if it is one-fourth of the value per square foot of interior space it could add up to \$50,000. Some real estate agents estimate that it could be anywhere from \$80,000 to \$200,000 depending on the view that is captured. This obviously effects "relative affordability. {1}

In terms of reducing the square footage on each floor the process could be somewhat complicated, but not overwhelmingly so, if the Board chooses to amend the Building Permit. Starting at the light well on the eastern side of the property, the light well could be increased without a major disruption of the floor plan at each of the three levels. Here is a summary of what may be possible:

[a]. On the Garage Level there is 713 square feet. The Garage itself is another 558 square feet for a total of 1,271 square feet. Bring the expanded light well down to the ground level. Rearrange the floor plan to make more actual, defined usable space than a "bonus room", while keeping a fourth, guest bedroom and

bath. Allow for tandem car parking, not side by side in the two car garage. Or convert it to a one car garage. (2)

- [b]. On the First Living Level there is 1,213 square feet. It contains a Living Room, a Dining Room, a Kitchen and a Family Room, as well as a Powder Room. How much the light well expands into the proposed structure on the Garage Level will be a determinate of what happens here. However, there is an additional possibility of creating a setback along the eastern wall and I will discuss that more right below in subsection[c].
- [c]. On the Second Living Level there is 1,060 square feet. On this Level which has a master suite and a deck off the two other bedrooms, again, the expanded light well will be a determinate.

Again, a setback along the eastern wall provides a further possibility for not only reducing the square footage, but creating a design that more fully complies with the Planning Code, not only some of the other criteria in Section 317, but also the Priority Policies of Section 101.1 and the Residential Design Guidelines.

But that will be discussed in Section III of this brief. Before going on, it should be pointed out that if the Board decides to amend the permit by removing the roof deck this adds square footage to the Second Living Level because no stairway will be needed to ascend to the roof and that would offset a reduction in square footage from the expanded light well and/or the setbacks on the Third Living Level.

If this premise is followed in some manner like this, a reduction of 400 to 500 square feet total could be reached. But most importantly, this Board of Appeals would meet the criterion of "protect(ing) the relative affordability of existing housing" because the project would become comparable in square footage to the "existing housing".

Section III

To begin Section III, I would like to describe the 400 block of Duncan Street, where I have lived since 1986 with my husband and where we raised our children. This block of Duncan is a hill that rises quite steeply from Sanchez Street and dead ends into a

Depression Era stairway that takes a pedestrian up to Noe Street.

As you can see from Exhibit 3, the 400 block of Duncan Street is comprised of primarily single family homes. (These are the addresses listed with the white background on the sheet.) These single family homes with two exceptions are under 2,500 square feet. There are two multi-unit apartment buildings at the base of the hill on the North side of the street as well as a lovely Edwardian four-plex on the South side of Duncan Street. There are two, two-unit buildings, one of which is condos.

One of the four houses immediately downhill from the project site is a circa 1900 home with a peaked roof and a cottage on the rear of the lot. This rear cottage is one of six cottages on the rear of six different lots, three of which have large front yards facing Duncan Street. {3} One of these three cottages with a front yard is 437 Duncan. All the cottages have peaked roofs.

Additionally all the single family homes with three levels have peaked roofs, not flat roofs.

The roof style that predominates *is* peaked (can also be called gabled or hipped roof). There are 18 peaked roof homes and 9 flat roof homes on Duncan Street. This is the context.

The newest single family homes were built in 1951 and 1952. The oldest are 1900, but a few may be older. Most of the homes are prior to the 1920s or 1930s. Because of the current "look" of the street, due in major part to the roof lines of the homes, the proposed project will not only change the character but change the texture and feel of the street. It will not "preserve and conserve" the neighborhood. It will not respect the context.

Specifically, the proposed three level project, which has a flat roof, will be surrounded by peaked roof homes — four uphill and four downhill. And there are four peaked roof homes immediately across Duncan Street as well. (See Exhibit 6)

To deal with this important design/context issue, and to comply with criteria in Section 317(d)(3)(C)(vii) and (viii) (See Exhibits 1 and 2) and the Residential Design Guidelines (See Exhibit 7) as well as

Section 101.1 (See Exhibit 8) --- this Building Permit should be amended. An amended Building Permit would better preserve and conserve, as required by the criteria in Section 317 as listed above. If amended, the new structure would not violate the Residential Design Guidelines.

By reducing the overall square footage, which includes removing the roof deck, expanding the lightwell, and/or creating setbacks on the eastern side that should extend to the front facade, the project would then "modernly" mimic the predominant peaked roof pattern of the homes on the 400 block of Duncan Street. And in particular it would then "modernly" mimic the eight peaked roof homes that are the immediate context because they bracket the proposed project.

CONCLUSION

Although the preservation of the context and of the character of Duncan Street is extremely important, the overriding consideration, the most critical consideration before this Board is to deal with the issue of relative affordability.

At the core this is about a Demolition and a new single family dwelling that will either "...protect(s) the relative affordability of the existing housing" or it will not.

This is why this Board must either deny the Demolition Permit or uphold it, but only uphold it through amending the Building Permit as suggested above, so that a new structure "...protects the relative affordability of the existing housing."

Hopefully this brief has set out a clear and concise path, particularly in Section I and Section II, to make such a decision.

Footnotes

{1} The roof deck is approximately 583 square feet in size.

{2} The six single family homes on Duncan Street that range from 2,000 to 2,800 square feet have either a one car garage or no garage space.

(3) One of these cottages received a variance for alterations from the Zoning Administrator in 2003. All have peaked rooflines.

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April 2, 2015

By Email and Hand Delivery

President Ann Lazarus San Francisco Board of Appeals 1650 Mission Street, Suite 304 San Francisco, CA 94103

Re:

437 Duncan Permit Appeal

Appeal Numbers: 15-020; 15-021 Hearing Date: April 8, 2015

Our File No.: 8056.01

Dear President Lazarus and Commissioners:

Our office represents Finbarr Collins, Richard O'Sullivan and Alan Casserly (the "Project Sponsors"), owners of the property located at 437 Duncan Street (the "Property"). The Property is currently improved with a significantly under-sized single family home at the rear of the lot and a carport at the front. The Project Sponsors propose to demolish the existing improvements and to construct a family-sized, single-family home that creates a consistent streetwall along this block of Duncan Street (the "Project").

As discussed below, the Project Sponsors have been sensitive to the neighborhood's concerns and the Planning Department staff's design guidance and have made significant modifications to the Project, displaying their willingness to work with their neighbors and to seek a project that is compatible with the existing neighborhood. On July 24, 2014 the Project was considered by the Planning Commission on Discretionary Review. The Planning Commission approved the Project subject to the Project Sponsors' agreement to remove the third

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floor of the home. The Project Sponsors submitted revised plans and were issued a demolition

building permit (Application permit (Application No. 2012/07/16/4978) and

2012/04/18/8570S), which are both appealed here ("Permits"). Current plans for the Project are

attached as Exhibit A.

The Project will replace an under-sized home that is in disrepair and inconsistent with the

pattern of development in the neighborhood with a modern, family-sized home which fills a hole

on the blockface and removes off-street parking from view. It was determined by Planning

Department staff to be consistent with the Residential Design Guidelines, was approved by the

Planning Commission, and is fully consistent with the Planning Code. It will provide a home for

a San Francisco family, and will do its incremental share to ease the current housing crisis.

Project Description A.

The Property is currently improved with a small structure located in the rear third of the

lot, which is in complete disrepair. The plumbing and heating systems don't work. The roof leaks

and the floor joists are rotted. In short, the existing home is uninhabitable. The existing home is

served by an unenclosed carport at the street that consists of a concrete slab.

The Project would demolish the existing improvements, and construct a two-story-over-

garage, single-family home. A generous 5-foot deep, 14.25-foot long lightwell is provided on the

east property line, maintaining significant light and air access to the first floor and basement

windows of the adjacent east neighbor building. A roof deck is provided on top of the second

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floor, set back 19.5 feet from the front property line (and five feet from the front of the home). A

45 percent rear yard is provided.

The Project replaces a void and carport on Duncan Street with a single-family home. This

block of Duncan Street is on a significant hill, and the Project steps down with the elevation

change. The Project completes this block, is consistent with the nearby single-family home

development, and removes an unsightly off-street parking space adjacent to the sidewalk.

B. Neighborhood Outreach and Design Development

The Project Sponsors spent significant time and effort to gather and respond to concerns

of the neighborhood. An initial pre-application meeting was held on February 22, 2012. A

second meeting was held with interested neighbors on November 22, 2013. It was communicated

to the Project Sponsors that nothing short of removing the penthouse level would satisfy many of

the neighbors. The Project Sponsors also met with neighbors during the DR process and received

feedback from the City's Residential Design Team ("RDT"). In response to feedback, the Project

Sponsors made the following changes to the Project:

• Provided a deeper-than-normal lightwell on the east side to provide light an air all

the way to the neighbor's small basement window.

• The roof deck was set back five feet from the front of the home;

• The roof parapet was reduced to its minimum six inches

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At the Planning Commission hearing, the Project Sponsors agreed to remove the top floor

of the Project. The Project as modified is for a modest home that, as discussed below, is entirely

compatible with the City's residential design guidelines.

The Project Complies with Residential Design Guidelines C.

The Appellant argues that the Project does not protect affordability of existing housing.

However, the Project proposes a modest home that actually adds to the housing stock by

providing a usable single-family home in place of an under-sized home that is in disrepair.

Appellant's own submitted photos show that the proposed two-story over garage Project

is compatible with the neighborhood. In addition, the Project complies with the Residential

Design Guidelines as follows:

Neighborhood Character

The Residential Design Guidelines include specific guidance on how to provide

appropriate building scale at the street for a new building. The general guideline is:

Design the height and depth of the building to be compatible with the existing

building scale at the street. (Residential Design Guidelines, Page 24; emphasis

added.)

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The Residential Design Guidelines provide clear direction when designing a building

larger than its neighbors:

A building that is larger than its neighbors can still be in scale and be compatible

with the smaller buildings in the area. It can often be made to look smaller by

façade articulations and through setbacks to upper floors. (Residential Design

Guidelines, Page 11.)

The Guidelines go on to say that when "a proposed building is taller than surrounding

buildings...it may be necessary to modify the building height or depth to maintain the existing

scale at the street." (Residential Design Guidelines, Page 24.)

The effects of applying these Guidelines to the Project have a significant impact at the

street. The building massing at the street matches the adjacent buildings and steps down with the

slope. Removal of the top floor and setting back the roof deck have created a Project that meets

the concerns previously expressed and complies with the Residential Design Guidelines,

especially given the sloping nature of the street.

In addition, despite what the Appellant appears to argue, this block of Duncan Street

displays significant variation: Mediterranean and Spanish revival and Victorian; flat roofs and

gabled roofs; high and low articulation. There is no unified architecture to influence the Project

design. (See photographs of blockface, attached as Exhibit B.) The Project attempts to bridge

this architectural gap, providing architecture that is compatible with the diverse style of the block

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D. Conclusion

The Project Sponsors propose a Project that would provide a modest new, badly-needed family-sized housing unit in San Francisco that is sensitive to the existing built environment in the neighborhood. The Project improves the existing neighborhood environment by completing the blockface with a compatible home and removing visible off-street parking at the front property line. The Project Sponsors have shown their good faith in working with the neighborhood and Planning Department staff and making numerous Project modifications.

We respectfully request the Board of Appeals to deny the appeal and allow the Project to move forward. I look forward to presenting this matter to you on April 8, 2015. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Planning District

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Schools (K-12) Within 600ft

None

Port Facilities

None

City Properties

None

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Census Tract

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Neighborhood (Planning Dept)

West of Twin Peaks

Neighborhood Groups Map 🗹

Services nearby (street cleaning, parks, MUNI, etc.)

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