

1 [Adopting findings related to affirming the categorical exemption for 1740 20th Street.]

2 **Motion adopting findings affirming the determination by the Planning Department that**
3 **the 1740 20th Street project is categorically exempt from environmental review under**
4 **the California Environmental Quality Act.**
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6 The Planning Department determined that a proposal to construct a vertical L-shaped
7 addition and a horizontal addition to a single-family residence at 1740 20th Street ("Project")
8 was categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") on or
9 around April 22, 2005 ("determination"). By letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
10 dated May 20, 2005, Vincent Marsh on behalf of Bob Siska ("Appellant") filed an appeal of the
11 determination to the Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
12 received on or around May 20, 2005.

13 On July 12, 2005, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal
14 of the determination and following the public hearing affirmed the determination of the
15 Planning Department that the Project is categorically exempt from CEQA.

16 In reviewing the appeal of the categorical exemption determination, this Board
17 reviewed and considered the written record before the Board and all of the public comments
18 made in support of and opposed to the appeal.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and
20 County of San Francisco hereby adopts as its own and incorporates by reference herein, as
21 though fully set forth, the determination made by the Planning Department on or around April
22 22, 2005.

23 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that based on the whole
24 record before it there are no substantial Project changes, no substantial changes in Project
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1 circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the
2 conclusions set forth in the Certificate of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review
3 finding that the proposed Project is exempt/excluded from environmental review.

4 FURTHER MOVED, That after carefully considering the appeal of the categorical
5 exemption this Board concludes that the Project qualifies for a categorical exemption as set
6 forth in the determination by the Planning Department, the subsequent written submittals to
7 the Board of Supervisors by the Planning Department and the public and the oral
8 presentations by the Planning Department and the public at the hearing before the Board of
9 Supervisors.

10 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that the Project will not cause
11 a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historic resource and will be consistent
12 with the Secretary of Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Property with*
13 *Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings*
14 (*"Standards"*). Appellant, although arguing that the L-shaped addition does not accord with
15 the original design and is inconsistent with *Standards 9 and 10*, does not present facts to
16 support a finding that the project will have a substantial adverse effect on a historic resource.
17 The Planning Department concludes, among other points, that the building addition will not
18 have a substantial adverse change on the existing historic structure and will be consistent with
19 the *Standards 9 and 10* because the addition will be distinguishable from the original historic
20 building by setting the addition back from the front of the original building and using different
21 louvers and different louver material and the addition will be reversible because it will keep the
22 original building intact.

23 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that there are no special
24 circumstances present in this case that would require the preparation of a negative

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1 declaration or an environmental impact report for the Project under the California
2 Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines.

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