

Thursday, March 6, 2025

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Pl
San Francisco CA, 94102

To: Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors
RE: Adante and Monarch Lease Extension Proposal

Dear Mayor Lurie and the Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to inform you that after much discussion and consideration, the following coalition of agencies, neighborhood organizations, businesses and property owners throughout the Tenderloin, Lower Polk and Lower Nob Hill stand together in our rejection of even a one-year lease renewal for the Adante and Monarch hotels.

Over the last five years, we have been vocal about our concerns. The deep systemic, economic impact and safety issues in our communities that have been caused by these HSH facilities have been overlooked and ignored by the city for years. As recently as November 20, 2024, we requested an economic impact study be done in relation to the Monarch and Adante renewals. We heard nothing back. Had our request been granted, we are certain that the data would have supported our position and provided evidence that the shelters have had a dramatically negative impact on businesses and revenue in the vicinity.

Opened five years ago under a mayoral emergency declaration, these facilities bypassed any community review process. The Adante and Monarch were intended to be both a temporary facility in the neighborhood and temporary shelter option for the homeless, enabling stabilization and placement to permanent housing. Today, the allowable stay for a client is 266 days. The structural design of the Adante and Monarch is unsuitable. Without ample public space, residents are forced onto the streets and into the path of impediments, such as neighborhood drug dealers, whose business model is to move from shelter to shelter. This is destructive to our businesses, residents and overall, our neighborhood. Additionally, it is also hard on the Monarch's and Adante's residents.

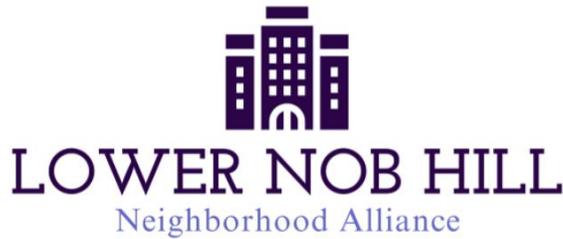
We recognize it is possible for homeless services and housing to fit seamlessly into neighborhoods. Prime examples of this are the Hamilton Family Center and the Mary Elizabeth Inn. The city needs a comprehensive plan for combatting homelessness that takes a holistic view and includes the needs of everyone in these neighborhoods.

We have been put in an untenable position. For the past five years, we have been dealing with an intolerable level of street crime, filth, drugs, ambulances, and the extensive economic gutting of our neighborhoods that have been brought about by these shelters, with minimal concern, oversight or intervention from the city. Our community members have spoken and they have had enough.

We thank you for listening to our concerns and strongly urge you to consider our input by doing the right thing for the entire community.



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From: [Calder Lorenz](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Budget and Finance Committee: Support for Item #8 (Property Lease - Lombard Hotel Group - Monarch Hotel)
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 10:35:20 AM

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Dear Supervisors at the Budget and Finance Committee,

My name is Calder Lorenz, I am the Director of Operations at the Gubbio Project and a resident of District 9.

The Gubbio Project strongly **supports** The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) signing a new lease agreement for The Monarch.

These shelter models are essential projects that can sustain much needed shelter and connection to City housing options for those experiencing homelessness in our community. We know that San Francisco needs more shelter and we cannot afford to close existing shelters. We also know that shelters like The Monarch and Adante have been invaluable in bringing people in and off the streets and moving them toward long-term housing.

Housing solves homelessness and there is no medicine more powerful than housing but until we have enough housing for everyone, a wide range of shelter options and models are needed.

We encourage the Board of Supervisors to continue to support HSH in expanding and renewing shelter options, opening spaces throughout the entire City to support the needs of our unhoused community so that we can continue to build equitable access to housing for all.

In Community, Calder

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March 26, 2025

TO: Supervisors Connie Chan, Matt Dorsey, Joel Engardio

CC: Policy Chief Kunal Modie, Supervisor Bilal Mahmood, Brent Jalipa

RE: *Support for the Real Property Lease - Lombard Hotel Group - Monarch Hotel - 1015 Geary Street - Non-Congregate Temporary Shelter - Initial Annual Base Rent of \$1,597,320*

Members of the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Tenderloin Community Benefit District (TLCBD), I am submitting this letter in support of the real property one year lease agreement with the Lombard Hotel Group for the Monarch Hotel, located at 1015 Geary Street. TLCBD's ultimate goal is to provide our community with the critical resources and support it deserves by partnering with our City departments, thereby fostering positive change in the Tenderloin neighborhood through physical improvements and economic development.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Mayor Lurie, Policy Chief Kunal Modi, and our District 5 Supervisor Bilal Mahmood for dedicating the time to connect, communicate, and thoughtfully address our community's concerns regarding the proposed one-year extension of the Monarch Hotel. The City's commitment to transitioning the Monarch back to a tourist hotel is a true act of leadership - prioritizing the needs of Tenderloin residents and small businesses. The Tenderloin community has long shouldered more than its fair share of providing services to vulnerable populations and we believe that it is vital for other neighborhoods to step up and take on the responsibility as well. This lease represents a thoughtful step towards geographic equity within San Francisco.

We remain committed to collaborating with the Mayor and Supervisor's team, to ensure that our community stays represented in the implementation of the resolution. I firmly believe that this lease of the hotel is in the best interest of our Tenderloin community and more broadly, San Francisco as a whole. For these reasons and more, I urge your support in this resolution.

Sincerely,



Kate Robinson
Executive Director