

[Site for New Library Branch for Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside, and Lakeview Neighborhoods]

**Ordinance requiring the City to prioritize the City-owned parcel of land at 100 Orizaba Avenue (Block/Lot No. 7136/060) as a potential site for that the new Public Library branch serving the Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside, and Lakeview neighborhoods, be built on the City-owned parcel of land at 100 Orizaba Avenue, subject to environmental review, required approvals, and other applicable laws; and prohibiting requiring departments to prioritize the expenditure of City funds for to explore, pursue, or plan construction of a new Public Library branch at that location serving those neighborhoods at any alternate location, except as required by the environmental review process, required approvals, or other applicable laws.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font. **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*. **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*. **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font. **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~Arial font~~. **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. Background and Findings.

(a) An October 10, 2019 Memorandum from the City Librarian to the Library Commission detailed the following: At the Library Commission meetings of April 18 and July 18, 2019, Library staff provided updates on Branch Capital Projects, which included information about a series of community meetings with Oceanview neighborhood residents regarding the prospective renovation of the Oceanview Branch Library. Three community meetings in February and March 2019 yielded valuable feedback regarding residents' level of

1 support for and concerns about renovating the existing Oceanview Branch Library facility.  
2 Community members shared that the existing building had numerous deficiencies including:  
3 very limited space for physical collections, lack of adequate seating and study tables, lack of a  
4 designated area for teens, lack of spaces for individual or group study, and an inadequate  
5 meeting room that is unable to accommodate attendees of library events. Community  
6 members expressed serious reservations about the efficacy of renovating the existing space  
7 to address the community's needs for library services. Oceanview residents strongly  
8 conveyed the need for a new library branch to be constructed at a new location to serve their  
9 growing population, and to address the historical inequity in the level of library services  
10 available to residents in their area of the City as compared to other areas. With support from  
11 the District 11 Supervisor to identify City-owned property in the neighborhood, the Library  
12 partnered with the Department of Public Works to draft a Site Feasibility Report for  
13 undeveloped land parcels along Brotherhood Way. A copy of the October 10, 2019  
14 Memorandum is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240017.

15 (b) Library staff presented an Oceanview Branch Library Site Feasibility Report for  
16 undeveloped land parcels along Brotherhood Way at the October 17, 2019 Library  
17 Commission meeting. A Public Works architect also discussed the Site Feasibility Report at  
18 the meeting. The presentation and discussion included details on the viability of different  
19 potential sites, and a range of preliminary cost estimates for building construction. This  
20 information informed the Commission's consideration of additional budget allocations for the  
21 Oceanview Branch Library project as part of the Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and FY 2022-2023  
22 budget process. A copy of the Site Feasibility Report and minutes from the October 17, 2019  
23 Library Commission meeting are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.  
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1 (c) The Department of Public Works, in a letter dated May 21, 2021 to the Library,  
2 presented a "Memorandum of Understanding for the Proposal of Architectural Services for the  
3 Oceanview Branch Library, Concept Design & Preliminary Planning Application" (MOU) for a  
4 potential new library building to replace the existing Oceanview Branch Library. The MOU  
5 assumed that the project will be the development of the site boundary approximately  
6 comprising the site "Option D" as depicted in the Oceanview Branch Library Site Feasibility  
7 Report. In the letter, Public Works defined the assumed site boundary in a dimensioned  
8 drawing as part of this project. A copy of the Public Works letter is on file with the Clerk of the  
9 Board of Supervisors in File No. 240017.

10 (d) The Planning Department issued a Preliminary Project Assessment on April 28,  
11 2022 for Public Works Case No. 2022-001023PPA that provided feedback regarding the  
12 project at 100 Orizaba Avenue, located at Block/Lot 7136/060, on an approximately 31,620  
13 square foot lot currently designated as public open space. A copy of the Planning Department  
14 Preliminary Project Assessment is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.  
15 240017.

16 (e) The Library conducted three publicly-noticed community meetings on June 8, 9,  
17 and 11, 2022 to gather community input on the Preliminary Project Assessment findings. The  
18 meetings were held virtually, and also in person at 446 Randolph Street and 345 Randolph  
19 Street. Community members expressed concerns about traffic safety, and expressed an  
20 overall consensus in favor of the recommended location at 100 Orizaba Avenue, at Block/Lot  
21 7136/060.

22 (f) The San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) in a letter dated  
23 February 28, 2023 to the District 11 Supervisor, described SFMTA's conceptual planning for  
24 improvements to the intersection of Brotherhood Way, Alemany Boulevard, Sagamore Street,  
25 and Orizaba Avenue, and adjacent roadways. Because of the intersecting roadways, multiple

1 travel lanes on many approaches, and unusual geometry, the SFMTA's letter noted that the  
2 current street configuration could be modified for improved pedestrian access and safety to  
3 the Brotherhood Way Open Space, and improved general pedestrian and traffic safety.  
4 Implementation of these improvements would require dedicated funding, which was not  
5 identified at the time of SFMTA's letter. The letter noted that funding, planning, and  
6 implementation of street improvements can be fully independent of any adjacent land use  
7 changes, including potential siting of a San Francisco Public Library branch nearby. A copy of  
8 the SFMTA letter is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240017.

9 (g) Following a lack of commitment from the Library to move forward with the 100  
10 Orizaba Avenue location at the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Appropriations Committee  
11 hearings on June 16 and June 23, 2023, the Budget and Appropriations Committee put  
12 funding for the construction of the new Library branch on reserve for Fiscal Years 2023-2024  
13 and 2024-2025.

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15 Section 2. Location of New Public Library Branch Serving Oceanview, Merced  
16 Heights, Ingleside, and Lakeview Neighborhoods on City-Owned Parcel at 100 Orizaba  
17 Avenue.

18 (a) Subject to the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter, planning approvals,  
19 environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act, further regulatory and  
20 City approvals as required by law, and any other applicable laws, the City shall prioritize the  
21 City-owned parcel No. 7136/060, located at 100 Orizaba Avenue at the intersection of Orizaba  
22 Avenue and Brotherhood Way, shall be used as the location for a new Public Library branch  
23 serving the Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside and Lakeview Neighborhoods.

24 (b) The Public Library, Department of Public Works, Planning Department, and Real  
25 Estate Division shall ~~not expend any~~ prioritize the expenditure of budgeted City funds to

1 design, plan, perform environmental review of, or implement a new Public Library branch  
2 serving the Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside, and Lakeview neighborhoods at ~~any~~  
3 ~~location other than~~ parcel No. 7136/060, the adjacent parcel No. 7135/045, and the adjacent  
4 right of way. Neither this subsection (b) nor any other provision of this ordinance shall  
5 preclude the City from considering alternative locations as part of the environmental review  
6 process, if needed.

7 © This ordinance does not constitute an approval of the construction of a new Library  
8 branch serving the Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside, and Lakeview neighborhoods. The  
9 City retains its full discretion to approve, disapprove, or modify the Library branch proposal,  
10 including but not limited to the adoption of mitigation measures, project alternatives, or not  
11 moving forward with the project, as required by the environmental review process under the  
12 California Environmental Quality Act, the budget and fiscal provisions of the Charter, planning  
13 approvals, further regulatory and City approvals as required by law, or any other applicable  
14 laws.

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16 Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after  
17 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the  
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1 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board  
2 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.  
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5 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
6 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

7 By: /s/  
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9 Deputy City Attorney

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# City and County of San Francisco

## Tails Ordinance

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**File Number:** 240017

**Date Passed:** February 06, 2024

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January 29, 2024 Rules Committee - RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

January 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

January 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors - PASSED ON FIRST READING AS AMENDED

Ayes: 8 - Chan, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

Noes: 3 - Dorsey, Mandelman and Melgar

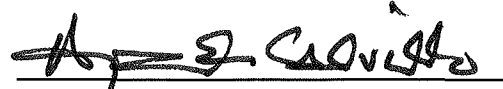
February 06, 2024 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 8 - Chan, Engardio, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

Noes: 3 - Dorsey, Mandelman and Melgar

File No. 240017

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on 2/6/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board


Unsigned

02/16/2024

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London N. Breed  
Mayor

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Date Approved

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, not being signed by the Mayor within the time limit as set forth in Section 3.103 of the Charter, or time waived pursuant to Board Rule 2.14.2, became effective without her approval in accordance with the provision of said Section 3.103 of the Charter or Board Rule 2.14.2.

  
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Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

02/16/2024

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Date