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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist and Forge Development Partners would like to clarify some of the misinformation on the 450 O'Farrell project.

Please see below the attached flyer.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Alexander Zucker at (415) 717-4661 or alexander@forgedevelopmentpartners.com.

Sincerely,

Ela Strong

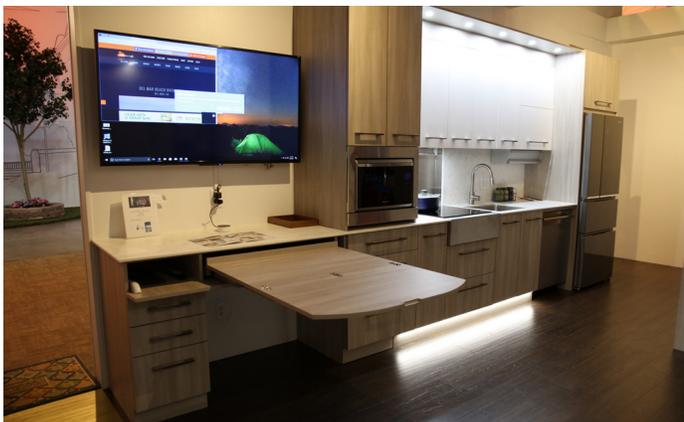
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450 O'Farrell Church and Essential Housing Project

Get the Facts!

Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist and Forge Development Partners (Forge) would like to clarify some of the misinformation on the 450 O'Farrell project that has been circulating in the community. Should you have any further questions, please contact Alexander Zucker at (415) 717-4661 or alexander@forgedevelopmentpartners.com.

Incorrect	Correct
Project was changed to group housing because the developer wants to make money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The earlier version of the project could not be built due to excessive costs that rendered it unfinanceable This project will provide 316 units of housing and can be financed and built
Church can build their new facilities without housing component	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Church does not have the funds to build a new Church and the Reading Room facilities it requires to practice its faith Construction of the Church is tied to the construction of the housing
Tech housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project is designed for small families The units have individual bathrooms, cooking areas and lots of shared indoor and outdoor spaces
Did not conduct additional community outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A variety of outreach was conducted including four community meetings, 75+stakeholder briefings, mailers and area canvassing
Won't communicate during construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will provide weekly construction reports and a toll-free line for questions/complaints
Construction may force tenants at Pacific Bay Inn to move	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No neighboring tenants will have to move during construction
Ignored requests to meet with DISH representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We met with DISH and will honor the 2019 term sheet signed between Forge and DISH
Fails to meet current standards for Inclusionary Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project provides 48 below market rate units which meets our building permit requirements
The city does not need this project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of San Francisco is in desperate need of all types of housing and this project provides 316 units of housing that can be built immediately



Above are prototypes of the unit design from the Panasonic CityNow event in November 2020.

