

From: [Alexandria Ashdown](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Google G Mail](#)
Subject: 1776 Green Street, File 200908 - Support of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Law
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:57:21 PM

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President Norman Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors
c/o Angela Cavillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102
bos@sfgov.org

SUBJECT: URGENT MATTER CONCERNING 1776 GREEN STREET FILE 200908

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. The developer intends to construct five luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The site is contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen that causes leukemia, at levels over 900 times in excess of state residential standards. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents, community members, construction workers, and future residents.

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I'm also concerned that according to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the City appears to have exempted many other projects on contaminated sites from CEQA review. CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on heavily contaminated sites such as 1776 Green Street. The City must comply with this state law to protect the health and safety of its residents both near this project and throughout San Francisco.

I am deeply concerned about the trends in this direction in the city where

development prioritized over the quality of life of the neighborhood and over safety.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Alexandria Ashdown

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San Francisco, CA 94123

From: [Jody Williams Garcia](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:02:31 AM

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Thank you,

Jody Garcia
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From: [Juliana Wu](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 1776 Green St, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:54:32 AM

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RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA
Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. The developer intends to construct five luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The site is contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen that causes leukemia, at levels over 900 times in excess of state residential standards. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents, community members, construction workers, and future residents.

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I'm also concerned that according to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the City appears to have exempted many other projects on contaminated sites from CEQA review. CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on heavily contaminated sites such as 1776 Green Street. The City must comply with this state law to protect the health and safety of its residents both near this project and throughout San Francisco.

Thank you,

Juliana Wu

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From: [Ken Shen](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:21:41 AM

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RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 – SUPPORT of Appeal of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. I'm deeply concerned by the fact that the City of San Francisco has exempted many projects on highly contaminated sites from CEQA review. The City must comply with CEQA to ensure the health and safety of the community around 1776 Green Street and throughout San Francisco.

1776 Green Street is highly contaminated with carcinogens including benzene, which is known to cause leukemia. The proposed project is within a one-block radius of three important public resources--an elementary school, a park, and a popular library--that serve a diverse community from infants to seniors. Given this, there should be a heightened environmental review rather than an exemption. In light of all of the environmental and health challenges San Francisco is currently facing, from the wildfires to COVID-19, it seems that the Board of Supervisors should do everything within its power to support our health and wellbeing, and that includes heightened environmental review of projects on sites contaminated with toxic materials.

I support the creation of new housing in San Francisco, but only when done properly and done safely, and certainly not at the expense of public health.

Sincerely,
Ken Shen

From: [meghan.kearney](mailto:meghan.kearney@sfgov.org)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](mailto:ceqagreen@gmail.com)
Cc: ceqagreen@gmail.com
Subject: RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review
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RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. The developer intends to construct five luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The site is contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen that causes leukemia, at levels over 900 times in excess of state residential standards. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents, community members, construction workers, and future residents.

Furthermore, 1776 Green Street is located within a one-block radius of three sensitive receptor locations: Sherman Elementary School (a public school with over 375 students), Allyn Park, and Golden Gate Valley Library, which offers highly popular programming for children and seniors. Children and the elderly have a higher risk of negative health outcomes due to exposure to toxic materials. As a result, there should be *heightened* environmental review of this project rather than an exemption.

I'm also concerned that according to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the City appears to have exempted many other projects on contaminated sites from CEQA review. CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on heavily contaminated sites such as 1776 Green Street. The City must comply with this state law to protect the health and safety of its residents both near this project and throughout San Francisco.

Thank you,

S. Meghan Kearney, LCSW
147 Ashbury St, San Francisco, CA 94117

From: [Franco Maurice](#)
To: [Yee, Norman \(BOS\)](#); [Fewer, Sandra \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 1776 Green Street Appeal to CEQA Exemption
Date: Monday, September 14, 2020 3:49:51 PM
Attachments: [MF-1776 Green Appeal Letter to BOS.pdf](#)

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RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - Appeal of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am a 40 year resident of San Francisco, a board certified pulmonologist/intensivist, trained at Stanford and Baylor College of Medicine, and currently retired.

I am writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. The developer proposes to construct six luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The site is contaminated with benzene at levels over 900 times above state residential standards and 200 times above state commercial standards. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents.

As a physician and a father, that raised a family in San Francisco, I am very concerned that the City is attempting to avoid public environmental review of 1776 Green Street, especially since the site is very close to the Sherman Elementary School, Allyn Park, and the Golden Gate Valley Library branch. All three of these sites provide highly popular programming to infants and children. Children are particularly sensitive to carcinogens. As an example, it is widely known that benzene can cause various types of leukemia. As a result, there should be *heightened* environmental review of this project rather than an exemption from CEQA review.

I am also concerned that, according to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the city has exempted from CEQA review a number of other projects located on contaminated sites. CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on heavily contaminated sites such as 1776 Green Street. The City must comply with this state law to protect the health and safety of its residents both near this project and everywhere in the City.

Sincerely,

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From: [barbara Heffernan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: 11776 Green Street, File no. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental review
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 1:48:18 PM

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Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street.

The developer intends to construct five luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The site is contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen that causes leukemia, at levels over 900 times in excess of state residential standards. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents, community members, construction workers, and future residents.

Furthermore, 1776 Green Street is located within a one-block radius of three sensitive receptor locations: Sherman Elementary School (a public school with over 375 students), Allyne Park, and Golden Gate Valley Library, which offers highly popular programming for children and seniors. Children and the elderly have a higher risk of negative health outcomes due to exposure to toxic materials. As a result, there should be *heightened* environmental review of this project rather than an exemption.

I'm also concerned that according to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the City appears to have exempted many other projects on contaminated sites from CEQA review. CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on heavily contaminated sites such as 1776 Green Street. The City must comply with this state law to protect the health and safety of its residents both near this project and throughout San Francisco.

Thank you,

Barbara Heffernan
2423 Green Street
San Francisco
94123

From: [Hugh Lin](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 10:32:04 PM
Attachments: [1776 Green Street CEQA Letter to SF Board of Supervisors_091520.pdf](#)

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September 16, 2020

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RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. The developer intends to construct five luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The site is contaminated with benzene, a known carcinogen that causes leukemia, at levels over 900 times in excess of state residential standards. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents, community members, construction workers, and future residents.

Furthermore, 1776 Green Street is located within a one-block radius of three sensitive receptor locations: Sherman Elementary School (a public school with over 375 students), Allyne Park, and Golden Gate Valley Library, which offers highly popular programming for children and seniors. Children and the elderly have a higher risk of negative health outcomes due to exposure to toxic materials. As a result, there should be *heightened* environmental review of this project rather than an exemption.

I'm also concerned that, according to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the City appears to have exempted many other projects on contaminated sites from CEQA review. CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on heavily contaminated sites such as 1776 Green Street. The City must comply with this state law to protect the health and safety of its residents both near this project and throughout San Francisco.

Thank you,

Hubert Lin
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San Francisco, CA 94115

September 15, 2020

President Norman Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors
c/o Angela Cavillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
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RE: 1776 Green Street, File No. 200908 - SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

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Thank you,

Hubert Lin
2201 Sacramento St, #402
San Francisco, CA 94115

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: 1776 Green St., File #200908 -- SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review
Date: Friday, September 11, 2020 12:51:00 PM

From: Larry Mathews <larrymathews@mac.com>
Sent: Friday, September 11, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: 1776 Green St., File #200908 -- SUPPORT of Appeal of CEQA Determination of Exemption from Environmental Review

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. Although I don't live in the immediate area, I have friends on that block and I live across the street from a major development site at 3333 California Street. I'm deeply concerned by the fact that the City of San Francisco has exempted many projects on contaminated sites from CEQA review. The City of San Francisco must comply with CEQA to ensure the health and safety of its residents on Green Street, on California Street, and throughout San Francisco.

On Green Street, the developer is working on a contaminated site that's very close to an elementary school, a park, and a library. There should be a heightened environmental review of this project rather than an exemption. In light of all of the environmental and health challenges San Francisco is currently facing, from the wildfires to Covid-19, it seems that the Board of Supervisors should do everything within its power to support our health and well being, and that includes heightened environmental review of projects on contaminated sites. Furthermore, as vacancies in San Francisco increase, it's a good time to slow down this process and take all appropriate precautions as required by law. I support additional housing through San Francisco, but only when done properly and done safely. You should appeal the CEQA exemption for the project on Green Street and for the other projects you've allowed to rush through and cut corners.

Thank you for your consideration.

Larry Mathews
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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: 2020-09-22 SUPPORT - Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination, 1776 Green Street. File no. 200908
Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 4:09:09 PM
Attachments: [2020-09-02 Sierra Club. Support Appeal of Cat Ex for 1776 Green Street FINAL.pdf](#)

From: Kathy Howard <kathyhoward@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 3:20 PM
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Subject: 2020-09-22 SUPPORT - Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination, 1776 Green Street. File no. 200908

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Supervisors,

Attached please find the Sierra Club's letter in support of the Appeal of the Exemption for 1776 Green Street. We are asking that the Board of Supervisors require a full environmental review for this project. Please see the letter for more details.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katherine Howard

SF Group Executive Committee, member
SF Group Conservation Committee, member
California Conservation Committee, past member



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September 8, 2020

Mr. Norman Yee, President
Board of Supervisors
San Francisco City Hall
San Francisco, CA

Subject: SUPPORT -- Appeal of categorical exemption for 1776 Green Street project.

Dear Board of Supervisors President Norman Yee,

The Sierra Club supports the appeal of the categorical exemption that was given to the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. Awarding a categorical exemption to this project is part of a disturbing trend by the San Francisco City government to ignore the right of environmental review for the public in dealing with potentially polluted building sites.

According to recent *SF Chronicle* articles,¹ the City appears to have exempted at least a dozen projects on the Cortese list (a state list of contaminated sites) from CEQA review, despite that fact that CEQA requires public environmental review before projects are approved on such sites.

At 1776 Green Street, the developer proposes to construct housing on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years. The developer is proposing a six-unit condo development on the site of a former auto repair shop that is contaminated with benzene and other pollutants at levels 900 times above residential standards. While we acknowledge the need for new housing, we are also concerned about the long-term health of residents who will be residing in this development. People should not have to make a trade-off between having a place to live and the health of their family.

According to a very recent article in the *SF Chronicle*, City staff has also allegedly endorsed inadequate survey methods for finding potential radiation at two other locations, Treasure Island and Hunters Point Shipyard, in disregard of potential serious health impacts.²

Fifty years ago, California adopted the California Environmental Quality Act as a vital tool in reducing damage to the environment, reducing transportation congestion, and safeguarding historic landmarks. CEQA requires our public agencies to confront potentially damaging environmental issues and search for alternatives or mitigations to limit the damage. It brings these issues to light so that the people can then hold their representative's responsible for making decisions that could harm the community or the environment.

¹ "How SF sidestepped state law on developing toxic sites," Dizikes, Cynthia, *SF Chronicle*, June 7, 2020, Updated August 12, 2020. <https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Exclusive-How-SF-sidestepped-state-law-on-15322356.php>

² "S.F. touted radiation scans with little value," Fagone, Jason and Dizikes, Cynthia, *SF Chronicle*, August 30, 2020, page 1. https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Extremely-Unlikely-That-They-Will-Find-15519861.php?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=briefing&utm_campaign=sfc_baybriefing_am&sid=5452d66e3b35d010308e5c76

Sierra Club

Critics of CEQA often state that CEQA unnecessarily delays projects. However, this is not the case. A study from the UC Berkeley Law School analyzes permitting processes in San Francisco and other jurisdictions. It concludes that CEQA is not a significant source of delay in land use permitting. According to this study, only about five projects per years are subjected to CEQA EIRs in San Francisco and about nine have negative declarations. The vast majority are exempted from CEQA review. Furthermore, there is little difference in the permitting time for projects that receive CEQA review and those that do not. The majority of delay is due to staff review, variance hearings, discretionary review and other matters entirely unrelated to CEQA. ³

In addition, CEQA minimizes court challenges to projects. CEQA allows concerns to be addressed early in the development process. As a result, numerous studies have routinely shown that CEQA litigation occurs for only about 1% of all projects that must comply with the law. ⁴

We are asking that the Board of Supervisors require a full environmental review for the 1776 Green Street project. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards not only future residents but also nearby residents and workers.

The City must comply with the state law to safeguard the health and safety of its residents both at this project and everywhere in the City.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Becky Evans

Becky Evans

Chair, Executive Committee, SF Group

³ "Getting it Right: Examining the Local Land Use Entitlement Process in California to Inform Policy and Process," O'Neill, Moira; Gualco-Nelson, Giulia; Biber, Eric. <https://www.law.berkeley.edu/research/cee/research/land-use/getting-it-right/>

⁴ "CEQA Fact Sheet," Sierra Club. https://www.sierraclub.org/sites/www.sierraclub.org/files/sce/sierra-club-california/PDFs/CEQA_Fact_Sheet.pdf

From: [Linda Weiner](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Richard Drury](#)
Subject: 1776 Green CEQA Appeal
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:27:24 PM

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RE: 1776 Green Street, Case No. 2009-8

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to support the appeal of a CEQA exemption for the proposed project at 1776 Green Street. The developer proposes to construct six luxury condos on a heavily contaminated site, which was used as an automobile repair shop for over 100 years.

The site is contaminated with cancer-causing benzene at levels over 900 times above state residential standards, with potential to cause significant public health impacts.. CEQA review is required to ensure that this contamination is adequately cleaned-up in a manner that safeguards nearby residents, workers and future residents. According to a recent San Francisco Chronicle article, the city appears to have exempted at least a dozen similar projects from CEQA review despite the existence of toxic soil contamination.

CEQA section 21084c requires public environmental review before projects are approved on contaminated sites. The City must comply with this state law to safeguard the health and safety of its residents both near this project and everywhere in the City.

Thank you.

Linda Weiner
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