

December 22, 2022
Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee
Mike Rieger, Chair

City and County of San Francisco
Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisors,


On August 11 and September 8, 2022, the Transbay Blocks 2 East and 2 West design and development teams, along with staff from the Office of Community Investment and Infrastructure (“OCII”), presented the overall development program, the Schematic Designs, and the amendments to the Redevelopment Plan for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area (“Redevelopment Plan”) and the Development Controls and Design Guidelines for the Transbay Redevelopment Project (“DCDG”) to the Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee (“CAC”).

The CAC members present at the meeting asked clarifying questions about the two projects’ designs and programming and expressed unanimous support for the project. On September 8, 2022, the CAC voted 6-0 in favor of recommending the Schematic Designs, the Redevelopment Plan amendment, and the DCDG amendment to the OCII Commission for approval.

The CAC views the designed buildings and streetscape improvements as both attractive and appropriate. The project will provide much-needed affordable housing. In addition to the residential units, the childcare facility and retail spaces are welcomed opportunities to provide essential services and amenities to our growing neighborhood.

On behalf of the Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee, I ask that you support the approval of this project.

Sincerely,


Mike Rieger

Chair, Transbay Citizens Advisory Committee



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RE: Letter of Support to Approve an Amendment to the Redevelopment Plan to Enable Proposed Construction of Affordable Housing in the Transbay Neighborhood

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We, Chinatown Community Development Center (“CCDC”), write to you today seeking your support for Hearing matter File No.221215 and File No. 221216 at your January 10th, 2023 Hearing, which include an Ordinance approving an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the Transbay Redevelopment Project Area to increase bulk limits on Block 2 of Zone One (the area between Folsom St, Beale St, and Main St), which would allow changes to floor plate requirements, scheduled pursuant to Motion No. M22-186 (File No. 221214), approved on December 6, 2022. This amendment would permit the Transbay Block 2 East (2 East) and West (2 West) affordable housing projects to be built.

As co-developers of the block, CCDC and Mercy Housing California are working closely to develop these two projects: respectively, 2 West, a 100% senior affordable housing project, and 2 East, a 100% family affordable housing project, which would finalize development on the block.

This Amendment is critical to allowing the projects to reach completion. Having received Schematic Design approval from the OCII Commission in early November 2022, and with Planning Commission approval of the proposed amendment in early December 2022, the project teams continue to refine and finalize designs, and will soon apply for competitive funding. These projects will provide a total of 335 affordable units, as well as ground floor retail and a childcare facility. The proposed floor plate changes will allow CCDC and Mercy Housing to successfully deliver these units. Both family and senior housing are critical needs in San Francisco, and increasing the affordable housing supply for these populations contributes to investment in families and prepares the City for a generational shift.

We appreciate your votes in favor of adopting the amendment before you today.

Sincerely,

Malcolm Yeung
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