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1	[Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Exemption Determination - 1151 Washington Street]
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3	Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the determination
4	by the Planning Department that the proposed project at 1151 Washington Street is
5	exempt from environmental review.
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7	WHEREAS, On April 7, 2023, the Planning Department issued a CEQA Categorical
8	Exemption Determination for the proposed project located at 1151 Washington Street
9	("Project") under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines,
10	and San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 31; and
11	WHEREAS, The project site is a 3,571-square-foot parcel in the Nob Hill neighborhood
12	occupied by an existing 30-foot-tall, three-story, single-family residence that is approximately
13	3,050 square feet in size with two off-street parking spaces; and
14	WHEREAS, The project sponsor proposes the demolition of the existing single-family
15	residence and construction of a 40-foot-tall (50-foot-tall with penthouses), four-story over
16	basement residential building containing 10 for-sale townhouses and one off-street van
17	parking space; access to the proposed units would be from a 5-foot-wide pathway that would
18	step up along the eastern edge of the property, from Washington Street; the proposed
19	pathway would include a bicycle ramp; the proposed building would be approximately 12,300
20	square feet in size, and would utilize the state density bonus program; and
21	WHEREAS, On November 1, 2022, Dana Manea (representing the project sponsor)
22	filed a project application with the department for the project; and
23	WHEREAS, Pursuant to Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of
24	Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 19, Sections 15300-15333), on April 7,
25	2023, the department determined that the project was categorically exempt under CEQA

1	Class 32 - Infill Development ("exemption determination"), and that no environmental review
2	was required; and
3	WHEREAS, On April 20, 2023, the Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a
4	duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled commission meeting and approved the
5	Conditional Use Authorization for the proposed project; and
6	WHEREAS, On May 17, 2023, Richard Drury of Lozeau Drury, LLP, on behalf of
7	Clayton Timbrell ("Appellant"), filed an appeal of the categorical exemption determination; and
8	WHEREAS, On May 19, 2023, Hanmin Liu, on behalf of the Upper Chinatown
9	Neighborhood Association (UCNA), filed a memorandum indicating that UCNA is joining the
10	appeal of the exemption determination filed by Richard Drury (on May 17, 2023), and noting
11	that UCNA is not raising any new issues or enlarging the scope of the appeal; and
12	WHEREAS, By memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated May 22, 2023, the
13	department determined that the appeal was timely filed; and
14	WHEREAS, On June 27, 2023, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to
15	consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellant; and
16	WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board
17	reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letter, the responses to the
18	appeal documents that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before
19	the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to
20	the exemption determination appeal; and
21	WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors
22	conditionally reversed the exemption determination for the Project subject to the adoption of
23	written findings of the Board in support of such determination based on the written record
24	before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support

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of and opposed to the appeal; and

1	WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the
2	appeal and the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the Board of
3	Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeal of the
4	exemption determination, including the deliberations by the members of the Board, is in the
5	Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 230592, and is incorporated in this Motion as
6	though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it
7	MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the
8	findings specifying the basis for its decision on the appeal of the determination by the
9	Planning Department that the project is exempt from environmental review.
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(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

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