3832 18th St Conditional Use Authorization

Appellant Presentation

2020-001610CUA-02

The Project Sponsor seeks to demolish an exceedingly narrow single-family home, to build a 6-story building with 19 units, only 350 sq. ft. each, using the state's density bonus law.



More than 50 neighbors asserting their Due Process right is not "harassment."

Project Sponsor: 5-story building is violation of the state density bonus law.

More fundamental flaw makes both 5 and 6-story versions illegal.

The Proposed Building Is Not Group Housing

Group Housing does not have "individual cooking facilities" (current and previous definitions)

SEC. 102 DEFINITIONS.

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Group Housing. A Residential Use that provides lodging or both meals and lodging,

without individual or limited cooking facilities or kitchens, by prearrangement for 30 days a week

or more at a time and intended as Long-Term Housing, in a space not defined by this Code as a

Each unit in this application has:

- a refrigerator,
- a sink,
- a two-ring burner, and
- a combination microwave and convection oven.

In the absence of a statutory definition, principles of statutory construction require to be interpreted according to "a plain and commonsense meaning." Gajanan, Inc. v. City and Cty. of San Francisco, 77 Cal. App. 5th 780, 792 (2022).

The plain language of the Planning Code is binding, and no interpretation or application contrary to that language is permitted. See Stolman v. City of Los Angeles, 114 Cal. App. 4th 916 (2003) (the Zoning Administrator's interpretation is not binding when it conflicts with the Code).

- Board has recognized that individual ownership was not and is not the purpose of Group Housing
- Proposed application is neither a "residence club" nor a "commune".