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**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: 1174 Project Comment  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 12:49:12 PM

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**Subject:** 1174 Project Comment  
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Hi Supervisors,

My name is Peter and I live on Rausch street about 200 ft from the project site. I support this project but am writing to ask you to delay moving legislation forward until HSH can commit to including *enforceable* provisions in the MOU that ensure either the Property Manager or the City will be responsible for preventing or rectifying any health, safety, or cleanliness issues that may arise at the project site.

So far, HSH has been totally unwilling to make such commitments. In May, the HSH representative offered the potential of such provisions, like ambassadors or to “enhance this contract so that the property managers do take additional responsibilities for monitoring the street outside the property.” But, she immediately preceded that with “I can’t make any commitment to it tonight.” Since then, it’s been the same: “we’re crafting the policy and can’t make any commitments.”

Once finished, this entire process, from first community outreach to final Board passage, will take less than 90 days. The community’s overwhelming feeling has been one of being sidelined. The City’s actions to date have said: “the Mayor wants this, the Board wants this, the State wants this, so ignore them until we buy the property.” Similar to what Supervisor Mandelman said during the appeals hearing for 3832 18th street, this is the kind of *process* that will erode support for more Permanent Supportive Housing.

I wish I could trust the City to do right by both this project and the surrounding community, but its poor track record makes me think otherwise. Again, please do not move this legislation forward until the Mayor has committed to enforceable provisions in the MOU.

Thanks,

Peter

**From:** [Lane Casey](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Submission for Public Comment 1174-1178 Folsom Street and 663 Clementina Street  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 12:13:56 PM

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Hello SF Board of Supervisors,

My name is Lane Casey and I am the Housing Program Manager at LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ+ Youth. I work full-time and hands-on within the unhoused TAY population in San Francisco.

I cannot accurately describe how imperative it is to acquire these sites for TAY youth. These young adults have been continuously wronged by a failing system and we are currently being presented with an opportunity to break the violent cycle of homelessness that has plagued most of them for their entire lives. On top of that, the youth we serve at LYRIC are being subject to hundreds of anti-LGBTQ laws, societal ostracization, and increased instances of discrimination/hate crimes. Rapid approval of this project is a life-saving effort.

The lowest level on Maslow's hierarchy of needs is physiological: food, water, clothing, shelter, etc. Without meeting their basic physiological need of shelter, these youth will never be able to grow into fully-realized adults. The cycle as it exists, and is experienced by TAY youth in the city, is simple: youth cannot have a stable source of income because they do not have a safe place to store their belongings/return home to from work, but if they do not work they will not be able to afford housing, and it cycles as such. As providers who care deeply about this community, we must intervene when we can and acquiring these sites allows for a mutually beneficial intervention.

I stand in full support of HSH acquiring these permanent supportive housing sites and would be happy to provide further comment/join future discussions as needed.

Thank you for the chance to advocate on behalf of San Francisco's unhoused TAY youth.

In community,

**Lane Casey, M.A.**

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**From:** [Laura Lala-Chavez](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment Re: Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 10:42:46 AM

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Hello,

I wanted to submit an email in support of [Purchase of Real Property - Greenseed Folsom Land LLC - 1174-1178 Folsom Street and 663 Clementina Street - Homelessness and Supportive Housing - Not to Exceed \$27,225,000] Sponsor: Mayor

This property is not going to be a shelter, this is a permanent supporting housing unit for TAY youth. This building will have wrap around services of support, permanent housing in order for them to go to school, obtain jobs and live a prosperous life. I strongly support this project and hope that the board and SF residents understand how transformative this building will have on youth in SF.

Thank you,  
Laura

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**From:** [Noah Carlos](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** 1174 Folsom street  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 10:11:07 AM

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Hi all,

I am a neighbor who lives two blocks from the proposed site and am in support of this acquisition and housing.

It's exhausting having so many neighbors complain about homeless people around but then oppose any proposal to get them off the street without offering any alternative solutions to help.

I agree with the sentiment that the west side of the city should be pulling their weight with helping combat this issue, but I don't think that people need to be waiting on the streets for that to happen.

Thank you!

**From:** [Lux Montes](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Submission for Public Comment for Approval of SOMA Perm Supportive Housing  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 9:46:31 AM

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Hello!

This email is for the Clerk and I request for my submission to be entered as part of official record. My public comment is as follows:

My name is Lux Montes, and I am a housing navigator at LYRIC Center for LGBTQQ+ Youth, where I work directly with unhoused youth. It cannot be stressed enough how essential a permanent supportive housing unit dedicated to young adults is in our ongoing fight against homelessness in San Francisco, especially one that will service historically under resourced youth including BIPOC and LGBTQQ+ youth. This presents the youth with an opportunity for dignified, affordable housing without risking rejections due to factors influenced by their time unhoused, such as their credit score, or lack of rental history. Approval for this project today is crucial, as delays could not only impact the funding and commencement of this project, but results in more time youth spend unhoused, or living in unsafe conditions.

This opportunity for safe, stable housing also aligns with the goals outlined in the Mayor's and HSH's Home by the Bay plan, including reducing the number of people who are unsheltered, reduce racial inequities within outcomes of City programs, actively support people to move from homelessness to permanent housing, and ensuring that those supported do not experience homelessness again. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to advocate for the unhoused youth in our community.

End of public comment

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**in community,**

**Lux Montes**  
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**From:** [Calder Lorenz](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support: Item #1 and #2 at Homelessness & Behavioral Health 07/14 - 1174 Folsom & 42 Otis - PSH  
**Date:** Friday, July 14, 2023 8:58:45 AM

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Dear Supervisors!

My name is Calder Lorenz, I am the Director of Operations at the Gubbio Project and a resident of District 9.

Thank you to the Homelessness and Behavioral Health subcommittee members for hearing agenda items #1 and #2.

The Gubbio Project **supports** HSH's proposal to use state HomeKey funding to purchase 2 buildings for TAY supportive housing.

**Item #1: 1174 Folsom** is a 42-unit apartment building in SOMA that we are proposing to purchase for use as TAY housing.

**Item #2: 42 Otis** is a 24-unit brand-new apartment building in the McCoppin Hub area that we are proposing to purchase for use as TAY housing.

**We know that housing solves homelessness and that there is no medicine as powerful as housing.**

We encourage the City and HSH and the full Board of Supervisors to continue to acquire units and buildings throughout the entire City to support the needs of our unhoused community so that we can continue to build equitable access to housing for all.

In Community, Calder

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Calder Lorenz (he/him), *Harm Reduction Saves Lives, I carry naloxone!*  
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**To:** [Cabrerera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Strong opposition to 1174 Folsom  
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Hi Stephanie,

I won't be able to attend the session; however here is my comment for the public hearing segment of the BOD session on Friday:

- I would like to understand how the BOD justifies utilizing \$28m of taxpayer money to house only 42 individuals in a luxury building - while displacing the existing tenants ??
- There already is a high concentration of shelters and supportive housing throughout SoMa West, while hardly any resources are contributed from other districts, particularly west of Van Ness Avenue. How is this justified? It is not equitable to concentrate all supportive housing services into a small area of a city. We need our supervisors and city leaders to recognize and address this issue prior to bringing more housing services online. Within blocks of this property there are over 800 units of supportive housing.
- As is, SoMa west is suffering and there are many security concerns; with the shortage that we have as far as police force goes, how does it make sense to house these individuals here?
- and lastly, the petition has over 1000 signatures!! Why is this project being expedited with no REGARDS for community opinion ?

Will the session be recorded?

Thanks,  
Nikki

**From:** [Nathan Shedroff](#)  
**To:** [Cabrera, Stephanie \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** 1174-1178 Folsom Street  
**Date:** Thursday, July 13, 2023 9:03:14 AM

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Stephanie,

I live at 99 Rausch, just a few doors down from the proposed purchase and reuse of 1174-1178 Folsom Street. I feel very differently from many in my building and am fully in support of this project. I think this is an appropriate place for a much needed service. Of course, I would expect the city to take responsibility and action if the residents became an issue in the neighborhood but this is exactly what we need in this city and a perfectly good place for housing homeless youth, especially given that it's near services and transportation. The same goes for the project at Otis.

We have had residential programs in the neighborhood before (and I've lived in this neighborhood for 28 years). The residential drug program housed at the corner to 7th Street and Cleveland (I used to live down Cleveland Street) was never a problem. It looks like it may not be active any longer but it never once created an issue for the neighbors and I would expect that the project at 1174-1178 Folsom Street would be similar.

I'm sorry I can't be there in person tomorrow but I teach from 9am until 1pm on Fridays.

Nathan

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Nathan Shedroff

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Dear Ms Cabrera —

My family and I are residents and business owners in the neighborhood (Tín Vietnamese Cuisine on Howard Street and residents at 73 Sumner St). I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow morning because we are short-staffed and I need to be at work, but I would like to voice my opposition and concern regarding the city's acquisition of 1174 Folsom and the establishment of a residential facility for homeless youth.

Living and conducting business in SOMA and particularly on the 7th/8th and Howard/Folsom Streets block has been stressful and challenging — to put it mildly. Over the years, we have been burglarized multiple times and have had the glass of our door broken while the culprit just continued walking down the street. We've called the police and have had to sit in the middle of the night for hours waiting for someone to come to essentially go through the motions of taking a report. Our customers have had their cars broken into while they dined at our restaurant. At the head of Sumner St, there are homeless folks every day loitering about and sometimes shooting up. They regularly defecate in the recessed parts of nearby buildings and leave their discarded drug paraphernalia, food and other belongings for others to clean up. We are always on high alert, at home, at work, sleeping, walking down the street. It is simply not a healthy or sustainable way to live, but we have become resigned to this as a way of life.

Much of this can be attributed to the shelters and other homeless organizations that already exist in the neighborhood, namely the Sanctuary and St Vincent de Paul Center nearby, among others. When their residents are out of the facility, they loiter in our alley way and outside our homes. These organizations are doing needed work. But it is alarming that the city has made plans to add another facility to a neighborhood already beleaguered by this crisis.

We pay property taxes and other fees to help maintain a neighborhood that we oftentimes feel unsafe living and working in. As businesses abandon downtown, we see this reflected in the dynamics of our customer base and business levels at the restaurant. I wonder every day how long I can maintain the necessary business to make living and owning a business in SOMA viable — or if somewhere down the line, we will simply go bankrupt because an already depressed dine-in business will further collapse, along with the values of our homes and our mental health.

People experiencing homelessness, mental health crises and addiction need help and support — but so do the families and businesses that are living in the neighborhood. There needs to be some balance to promote a healthy quality of life for everyone. Adding yet another facility to a neighborhood with a high concentration of homeless facilities is a gross disregard for the citizens who live here and further tilts the scales towards making the neighborhood an increasingly unviable place to live.

I hope the city reconsiders the purchase of 1174 Folsom and will find an alternative location for the planned shelter. I also hope the city will take the needed steps to make this neighborhood a healthy and welcoming place for us all to live and conduct business.

Thank you,  
Hung Dang  
73 Sumner St

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