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AMENDED IN COMMITTEE 3/10/2025 ORDINANCE NO.

FILE NO. 240787

1	[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements]		
2	Development (tequiremente)		
3	Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial		
4	development requirements for certain residential projects and modify the land		
5	dedication requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the		
6	Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning		
7	Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and		
8	making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of		
9	Planning Code, Section 101.1, and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience,		
10	and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.		
11	NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font.		
12	Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> . Deletions to Codes are in <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</u> .		
13	Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font.		
14	Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.		
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16	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:		
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18	Section 1. Environmental and Land Use Findings.		
19	(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this		
20	ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources		
21	Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of		
22	Supervisors in File No. 240787 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms		
23	this determination.		
24	(b) On November 7, 2024, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. 21641,		
25	adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance,		

with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. <u>240787</u>, and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that these Planning Code amendments will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. <u>21641</u>, and the Board adopts such reasons as its own. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 240787 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Articles 2 and 3 of the Planning Code are hereby amended by revising Sections 249.78, 303, 309, and 329, and 419.6, and deleting Section 248, to read as follows:

SEC. 248. TRANSIT CENTER C-3-O(SD) COMMERCIAL SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.

A Special Use District entitled the "Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use

District" is hereby established for a portion of the C-3-O(SD) district in the downtown area around the

Transbay Transit Center within San Francisco, the boundaries of which are designated on Sectional

Map SU01 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco. The following provisions shall apply within the Special Use District:

(a) Purpose. There are limited remaining development sites in the core of the downtown large enough to be feasibly developed with workplace-oriented uses, particularly adjacent to the region's premier concentration of regional and local public transit infrastructure, such as the Transbay Transit Center, BART, Muni Metro, and the Ferry Building. Significant areas surrounding and within walking distance of the downtown, including Rincon Hill and Zone 1 of the Transbay Redevelopment Area along Folsom Street, have been zoned and planned almost exclusively for residential neighborhoods to the exclusion of major commercial uses. Many academic studies have shown that locating jobs

1	immediately proximate to regional transit is a greater influence on use of public transit than is
2	proximity of housing to regional transit, and decentralization of jobs is one of the leading factors
3	increasing auto commuting in the Bay Area. Further, very few districts outside of the C-3 district allow
4	high-density job uses, so it is important to ensure that the few sites large enough for high-density
5	workplace uses in the Transit Center area are preserved primarily for that purpose.
6	(b) Definition of Commercial Use. "Commercial Use" shall mean any use other than a
7	Residential Use, as defined in Section 102 of this Code, permitted in the underlying zoning district.
8	(c) Controls. All new development on lots larger than 20,000 square feet in the Special Use
9	District shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted
10	commercial uses for every one gross square foot of dwellings or other housing uses.
11	(d) Exceptions. Exceptions to the controls in subsection (c) may be granted by the Planning
12	Commission according to the procedures in Section 309 only if the Commission makes one of the
13	following affirmative findings:
14	(1) That the development consists of multiple buildings on a single lot or adjacent lots
15	that are entitled as a single development project pursuant to Section 309, and that commercial uses
16	account for greater than 50% of the project's aggregate total gross floor area for all buildings and
17	where the project sponsor demonstrates that it is infeasible or impractical to construct commercial uses
18	on the footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other housing uses due to the
19	size and configuration of that portion of the lot; or
20	(2) That the footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other
21	housing uses is less than 15,000 square feet and the lot contains existing buildings which are to be
22	retained; or
23	(3) That the downtown commercial vacancy rate is persistently high and the project
24	would fulfill its inclusionary requirement pursuant to Planning Code Section 415 through 100% on-site
25	or off-site units within the C-3 District.

1	requirement in subsection 249.78(c)(6)(B), provided that the projects satisfy all of the
2	<u>following:</u>
3	(i) the project complies with the Better Streets Plan, the setback
4	requirements of Planning Code Section 132.4(d)(2)(C), and the streetscape requirements of
5	<u>Section 138.1;</u>
6	(ii) the project does not exceed 600 feet in height, inclusive of any
7	waivers or concessions obtained pursuant to Sections 206.5 or 206.6, and does not seek
8	concessions or incentives of any requirements in this Section 249.78(c)(6); and
9	(iii) if the project is located on a certain Key Site identified in
10	Section 329(e)(2), the project complies with the development impact requirements as
11	described below:
12	a. On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(B), the
13	project provides On-site Land Dedication for 100% Affordable Housing development:
14	b. On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(E), the
15	project provides On-site Land Dedication for 100% Affordable Housing development, a street
16	level, publicly-accessible open space of not less than 39,000 contiguous square feet, and
17	publicly-accessible street or open space extensions of Freelon and Welsh Streets;
18	c. On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(F), the
19	project provides On-site Land Dedication for 100% Affordable Housing, publicly-accessible
20	street or open space extensions of Freelon and Morris Streets, and street-level, publicly-
21	accessible open spaces combined of not less than 31,000 square feet (inclusive of any non-
22	vehicular open space extensions of Freelon and Morris Streets);
23	d. On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(G), the
24	project provides On-site Land Dedication for 100% Affordable Housing, and either a publicly-
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1	accessible open space and streetscape improvements adjacent to and within the Bluxome
2	Street right-of-way or an indoor public recreation facility.
3	e. On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(H), the
4	project provides publicly-accessible, street-level open space of not less than 9,000 square
5	feet in total, inclusive of building setbacks along 4th and Townsend Streets that widen the
6	sidewalks and a plaza at the corner of 4th and Townsend Streets of not less than 5,000
7	square feet.
8	(iv) A project on a Key Site that receives a residential bonus
9	pursuant to Section 249.78(c)(6)(C) may be eligible for a waiver or reduction of applicable
10	requirements under Section 406.
11	(v) Land Dedication for 100% Affordable Housing. For
12	purposes of this Section 249.78(c)(6), "Land Dedication for 100% Affordable Housing" as
13	applied to projects on the Key Sites identified in this section means fully or partially satisfying
14	the project's affordable housing requirements of Sections 413 et seq. and 415 et seq. under
15	Sections 413.6 and 419.5 by providing no less than 10,000 square feet or a minimum capacity
16	of 75 units of affordable housing, provided that if the combined full requirements of Section
17	413 et seq. and Section 415 et seq. as applied to the proposed project would not result in a
18	land dedication site of at least 10,000 square feet or a minimum capacity of 75 units of
19	affordable housing, then the proposed project on the Key Site may instead meet the
20	requirements of Sections 413 et seq. and 415 et seq. as otherwise provided for in this Code.
21	(vi) Publicly-accessible Open Space, Streets, Street
22	Extensions, and Recreational Facilities. For purposes of this Section 249.78(c)(6),
23	publicly-accessible street, open space, street extensions, and recreation facilities as applied
24	to projects on the Key Sites identified in this section means fully or partially satisfying the open
25	space requirements under Sections 135, 138, 249.78, 270.2, and 890, and fully or partially

1	satisfying the infrastructure fees required by Sections 423 and 433 in kind, provided that the
2	proposed project shall not be required to provide publicly-accessible, street-level open space,
3	street extensions, or recreation facilities in excess of the cumulative requirements of the
4	Planning Code sections identified in this subsection 249.78(c)(6)(C)(vi).
5	(767) Single Room Occupancy. Single Room Occupancy units that are
6	Dwelling Units are Not Permitted in the Central SoMa SUD except in buildings that consist of
7	100% affordable units. For the purposes of this subsection $\underline{(c)}(767)$, "affordable units" shall
8	mean units rented, leased, or sold at rates or prices affordable to a household whose income
9	is no greater than 80% of the median income for households in San Francisco ("Lower
10	Income Households"), as determined by Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations
11	Sections 6928 and 6932 and implemented by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community
12	Development.
13	(878) Group Housing. Group Housing uses are Not Permitted in the
14	Central SoMa SUD except Group Housing uses that are also defined as Student Housing,
15	Senior Housing, or Residential Care Facility, are designated for persons with disabilities, are
16	designated for Transition Age Youth as defined by the Mayor's Office of Housing $\underline{\mathit{and}}\ \&$
17	Community Development, or are contained in buildings that consist of 100% affordable units.
18	For the purposes of this subsection $\underline{(c)}(788)$, "affordable units" shall mean units rented,
19	leased, or sold at rates or prices affordable to a household whose income is no greater than
20	80% of the median income for households in San Francisco ("Lower Income Households"), as
21	determined by Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 6928 and 6932 and
22	implemented by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.
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Mayor Lurie; Supervisor Dorsey **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

SEC. 303. CONDITIONAL USES.

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1 (a) **General.** The Planning Commission shall hear and make determinations regarding 2 applications for the authorization of Conditional Uses in the specific situations in which such 3 authorization is provided for elsewhere in this Code. The procedures for Conditional Uses 4 shall be as specified in this Section 303 and in Sections 306 through 306.6, except that 5 Planned Unit Developments shall in addition be subject to Section 304, and Hospitals and 6 Post-Secondary Educational Institutions shall in addition be subject to the Institutional Master 7 Plan requirements of Section 304.5. 8 9 (g) Hotels and Motels. With respect to applications for development of tourist hotels 10 and motels, the Planning Commission shall consider, in addition to the criteria set forth in Subsections (c) and (d) above: 11 12 (1) The impact of the employees of the hotel or motel on the demand in the City 13 for housing, public transit, child-care, and other social services. To the extent relevant, the Commission shall also consider the seasonal and part-time nature of employment in the hotel 14 15 or motel; (2) The measures that will be taken by the project sponsor to employ residents 16 of San Francisco in order to minimize increased demand for regional transportation; and 17 18 (3) The market demand for a hotel or motel of the type proposed. ÷ and 19 (4) In the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District, the opportunity 20 for commercial growth in the Special Use District and whether the proposed hotel, considered with 21 other hotels and non-commercial uses approved or proposed for major development sites in the Special 22 Use District since its adoption would substantially reduce the capacity to accommodate dense, transit-23 oriented job growth in the District.

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SEC. 309. PERMIT REVIEW IN C-3 DISTRICTS.

The provisions and procedures set forth in this Section 309 shall govern the review of project authorization and building and site permit applications for (1) the construction or substantial alteration of structures in C-3 Districts, (2) the granting of exceptions to certain requirements of this Code where the provisions of this Section are invoked, and (3) the approval of open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code. When any action authorized by this Section is taken, any determination with respect to the proposed project required or authorized pursuant to CEQA may also be considered. This Section shall not require additional review in connection with a site or building permit application if review hereunder was completed with respect to the same proposed structure or alteration in connection with a project authorization application pursuant to Section 322.

(a) **Exceptions.** Exceptions to the following provisions of this Code may be granted as provided in the code sections referred to below:

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- (8) Exceptions to the use requirements in the C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use Subdistrict in Section 248;
- (98) Exceptions to the height limits for buildings taller than 550 feet in height in the S-2 Bulk District for allowance of non-occupied architectural, screening, and rooftop elements that meet the criteria of Section 260(b)(1)(M);
- (109) Exceptions to the volumetric limitations for roof enclosures and screens as prescribed in Section 260(b)(1)(F). For existing buildings, exceptions to the volumetric limitations for roof enclosures and screens shall be granted only if all rooftop equipment that is unused or permanently out of operation is removed from the building;
- (1+0) Exceptions to the height limits for vertical extensions as permitted in Section 260(b)(1)(G) and for upper tower extensions as permitted in Section 263.9;

1		(1 <u>21</u>)	Exceptions to the height limits in the 80-130F and 80-130X Height and	
2	Bulk Districts as permitted in Section 263.8 and in the 200-400S Height and Bulk District as			
3	permitted in	permitted in Section 263.10;		
4		(1 <u>32</u>)	Exceptions to the bulk requirements as permitted in Sections 270 and	
5	272 . <u>;</u>			
6		(1 <u>43</u>)	Exceptions to the exposure requirements as permitted in Section 140-:	
7		(1 <u>54</u>)	Exceptions to the usable open space requirements of Section 135.;	
8		(1 6 5)	Exceptions to the Micro-Retail requirements as permitted in Section	
9	249.33 .;			
10		(1 <u>76</u>)	Exceptions to the height and bulk limits for parcels within the Van Ness &	
11	Market Resi	dential	Special Use District as defined by Section 270(f)(2). In considering such	
12	exceptions,	the Pla	nning Commission shall consider the extent to which the project achieves	
13	the following: (A) sculpts the building massing to achieve an elegant and creative tower form			
14	that enhance	es the s	skyline; (B) reduces or minimizes potential impacts on winds and shadows;	
15	(C) provides	ground	d floor uses that serve a range of income levels and enrich the social	
16	landscape o	f the ar	ea such as: Arts Activities, Child Care Facility, Community Facility, Public	
17	Facility, Sch	ool, So	cial Service, priority health service or neighborhood-serving retail; and (D)	
18	maximizes h	ousing	density within the allowed envelope-:	
19		(1 <u>87</u>)	Exceptions to the percent lot coverage requirements of Section	
20	270.2(e)(6) f	or proje	ects within the Van Ness & Market Residential Special Use District. The	
21	Planning Co	mmissi	on shall only grant such exceptions if the Planning Commission finds that:	
22	(A) the propo	osed m	id-block alley and percent coverage do not negatively affect the use and	
23	purpose of the	he alley	as a means of creating a more efficient pedestrian network, as described	
24	in subsection	ns 270.	2(a)-(b); and (B) the proposed percent coverage does not negatively	
25	impact the q	uality o	of the mid-block alley as an area of pedestrian and retail activity and public	

1	open space. An exception shall not be granted for any mid-block alley that is less than 35
2	percent open to the sky-:
3	(198) Exceptions to the required minimum dwelling unit mix in Section 207.6 for
4	projects within the Van Ness & Market Residential Special Use District. In considering such
5	exceptions, the Planning Commission shall consider the following criteria:
6	(A) whether the project demonstrates a need or mission to serve unique
7	populations; or
8	(B) whether the project site or existing building(s), if any, feature
9	physical constraints that make it unreasonable to fulfill the requirements of Section 207.6 or
10	subsection 309(a)(1 <u>8</u> 9)(A); and
11	(2019) Exceptions to the permitted obstructions requirements in Section 136 for
12	projects within the Van Ness & Market Special Use District as defined by Section 270(f)(2).
13	The Planning Commission shall only grant such an exception if it finds that the proposed
14	obstructions assist the proposed development to meet the requirements of Section 148, or
15	otherwise reduce wind speeds at the ground-level or at upper level open space.
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18	(e) Imposition of Conditions, General. If, pursuant to the provisions of this Section
19	309, the Planning Commission determines that conditions should be imposed on the approval
20	of a building or site permit application or Section 309 application, and the applicant agrees to
21	comply, the Planning Commission may approve the application subject to those conditions,
22	and if the applicant refuses to so agree, the Planning Commission may disapprove the
23	application.
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1	SEC. 329. LARGE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION IN EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED
2	USE DISTRICTS.
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4	(e) Exceptions for Key Sites in Central SoMa.
5	* * * *
6	(3) Controls. Pursuant to this Section 329(e) and the Key Site Guidelines
7	adopted as part of the Central SoMa Area Plan, the Planning Commission may grant
8	exceptions to the provisions of this Code as set forth in subsection (d) above and may also
9	grant the exceptions listed below for projects that provide qualified amenities in excess of
10	what is required by the Code.
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12	(B) Exceptions. Upon consideration of qualified amenities in excess of
13	what is required by the Code, the Planning Commission may grant one or more exceptions to
14	the following requirements: the streetwall and setback controls in Section 132.4; the building
15	separation controls in Section 132.4, including but not limited to the controls in subsection
16	132.4(d)(3)(B); the setback requirements in Section 261.1; bulk controls in Section 270(h);
17	and the lot merger restrictions in Section 249.78(d)(7).
18	In addition to these exceptions, the Planning Commission may grant one
19	or more of the following exceptions:
20	* * * *
21	(vi) On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(H), exception
22	to the protected pedestrian-, cycling-, and transit-oriented street frontage requirements of
23	Section 155(r), the street frontage requirements in Section 145.1, the required ground floor
24	commercial uses in Section 145.4, the requirement that at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area

of all building area below 160 feet be non-residential in Section 249.78(c)(6), the requirement that at

1 <u>least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet be non-residential</u>

in Section 249.78(c)(6), and the requirement in Section 138(d)(2)(E)(i) that ground floor

POPOS be open to the sky. In addition, the usable open space requirement pursuant to

Section 135 may be reduced to 60 square feet of usable open space required for each

dwelling unit if not publicly accessible.

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SEC. 419.6. LAND DEDICATION ALTERNATIVE IN THE MISSION NCT DISTRICT AND CENTRAL SOMA SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.

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(b) Central SoMa Special Use District. The Land Dedication Alternative is available for projects within the Central SoMa Special Use District under the same terms and conditions as provided for in Section 419.5(a)(2), except that in lieu of the Land Dedication Alternative requirements of Table 419.5, projects may satisfy the requirements of Section 415.5 by dedicating land for affordable housing if the dedicated site will result in a total amount of dedicated Gross Floor Area that is equal to or greater than 45% of the potential Gross Floor Area that could be provided on the principal site, as determined by the Planning Department.

Land dedicated for affordable housing that results in less than 45% of such potential Gross Floor Area may be counted in partial satisfaction of the requirements of Section 415.5, so long as the land dedicated is at least 10,000 square feet or has a minimum capacity of 75 units of affordable housing; provided that the project satisfies any remaining obligations under Section 415.5 through the alternatives described in Section 415.5(g)(1). Any dedicated land shall be within the area bounded by Market Street, the Embarcadero, King Street, Division Street, and South Van Ness Avenue.

1	Section 3. Article 8 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by replacing all
2	references to Planning Code subsection "249.78(c)(7)" in each of the Sections, subsections,
3	and tables listed below with the term "249.78(c)(6)." If any references in the Planning Code to
4	"249.78(c)(7)" have been inadvertently omitted from the list below, the City Attorney is
5	authorized to cause such references to be changed to "249.78(c)(6)."
6	- Table 830
7	- Table 831
8	- Table 833
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10	Section 4. Article 8 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by replacing all
11	references to Planning Code subsection "249.78(c)(8)" in each of the Sections, subsections,
12	and tables listed below with the term "249.78(c)(7)." If any references in the Planning Code to
13	"249.78(c)(8)" have been inadvertently omitted from the list below, the City Attorney is
14	authorized to cause such references to be changed to "249.78(c)(7)."
15	- Table 830
16	- Table 831
17	- Table 833
18	- Table 839
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20	Section $\underline{53}$. Zoning Map. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Special
21	Use District Map SU01 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco to delete
22	the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District.
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24	Section 64. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
25	enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

1	ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
2	of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.
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4	Section 75. Scope of Ordinance. Except as stated in Sections 3 and 4 of this
5	ordinance, in enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those
6	words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks,
7	charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly
8	shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board
9	amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the
10	ordinance.
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12	APPROVED AS TO FORM: DAVID CHIU, City Attorney
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REVISED LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

(Amended in Committee – March 10, 2025)

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements for certain residential projects and modify the land dedication requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Existing Law

The Central SoMa Special Use District, set forth in Planning Code Section 249.78, provides development controls for the central portion of the South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood. These controls include a requirement that for development projects in the Special Use District south of Harrison Street on sites larger than 40,000 square feet that entail new construction or addition of 100,000 square feet or more, at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet in height shall be non-residential.

The Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District, set forth in Planning Code Section 248 and shown on Special Use District Map SU01 of the Zoning Map, provides development controls for a portion of the C-3-O(SD) Zoning District in the downtown area around the Transbay Transit Center. This Special Use District's primary control is a requirement that all new development on lots larger than 20,000 square feet in the Special Use District shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted commercial uses for every one gross square foot of dwellings or other housing uses.

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance would establish a residential bonus program that proposed projects meeting certain requirements could use instead of complying with the requirement that certain development projects in the Central SoMa Special Use District must provide at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet in height for non-residential uses.

This ordinance would remove the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District from the Planning Code and Zoning Map in its entirety, including the requirement that certain development projects shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or

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conditionally permitted commercial uses for every one gross square foot of dwellings or other housing uses.

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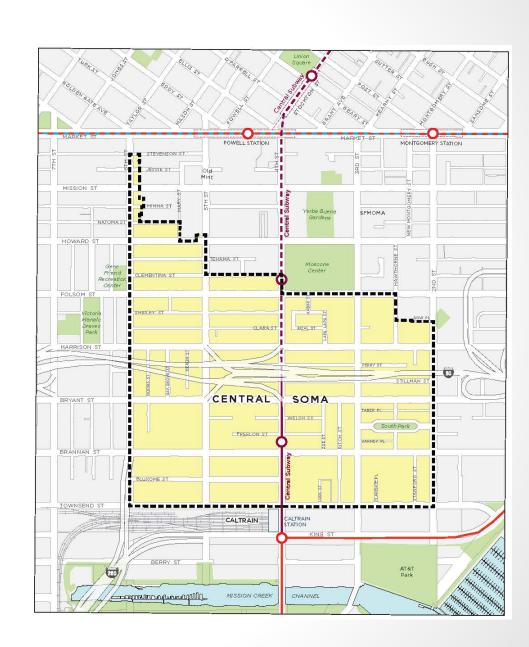
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OVERVIEW

CENTRAL SOMA PLAN: TRANSIT-ORIENTED MIXED-USE

Plan process 2011-2018
Adopted 2018
Central Subway opened 2022

- 8,800 housing units
- Space for 32,000 jobs
 - 6m gsf office, lab
 - No net loss of PDR
 - Sites >40K sf south of Harrison req. to be 2/3 commercial below 160'
 - Last potential job growth area near CBD and regional transit



CENTRAL SOMA PLAN: TRANSIT-ORIENTED MIXED-USE







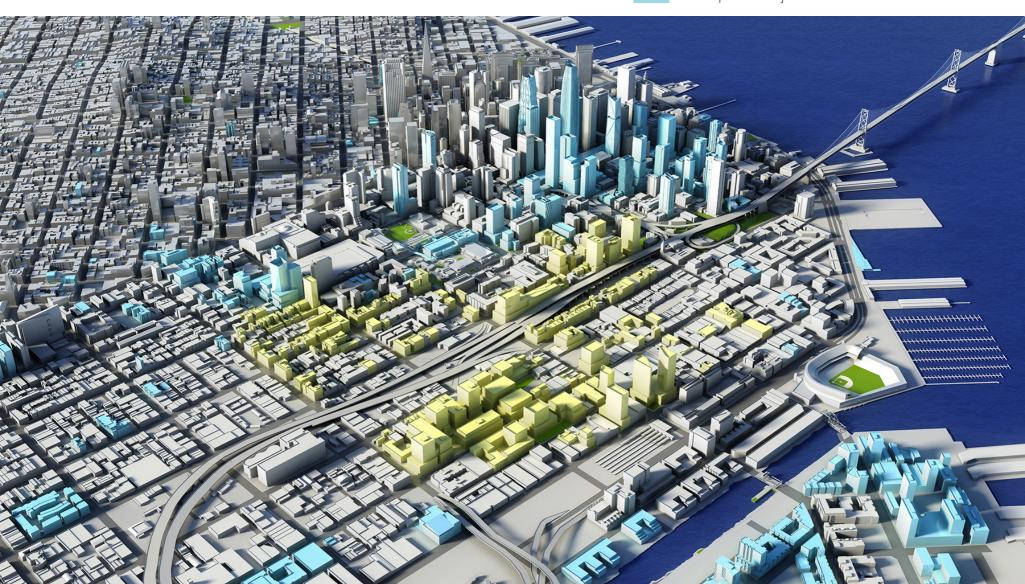




VISUALIZING GROWTH - POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Central SoMa Development Potential

Anticipated Projects Outside of Central SoMa



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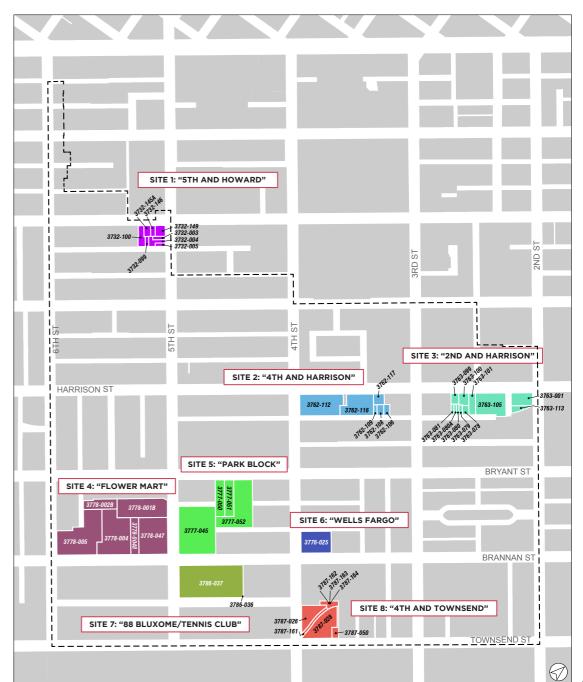
KEY DEVELOPMENT SITES

Notable sites recognized in Plan (some, not all, subject to Commercial Req.)

Commission process (Sec 329) for granting Code exceptions (eg bulk, use, design, height) based on provision of specific "Qualified Amenities", including:

- Land dedication for 100% BMR
- Public open space/parks
- Community Facilities
- Special public realm improvements

Most Qualified Amenities were inkind satisfaction of impact fees and other requirements (eg open space)



TIMELINE & ANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS





November 7, 2024: Planning Commission hearing on General Plan Amendments and Planning Code Amendments



Planning Commission votes to **approve** the General Plan Amendments.



Planning Commission votes to **approve with modifications** the Planning Code Amendments. The Commission's proposed amendments are:

- 1. Exempt projects 600 feet in height or less from the mandatory office allocation requirements in the Central SoMa SUD instead of eliminating the requirement in the SUD.
- 2. Explore site specific benefits for the key sites impacted by the legislation and encourage the retention of benefits (complete streets, open space/recreational facilities and affordable housing).

TIMELINE & ANTICIPATED AMENDMENTS (CONT'D)





November 7, 2024 - March 2025: Planning and the legislative sponsors are working with the City Attorney to craft amendments that are in the spirit of the Planning Commission's recommended modifications.



March 3, 2025: 1st Land Use Committee hearing on the General Plan Amendments and Planning Code Amendments



March 10: Last date for Land Use Committee to act on the General Plan Amendments to meet 90 deadline (up or down vote only)



March 30, 2025: Deadline for the Board to act on the General Plan Amendments (up or down vote only) From: Reports, Controller (CON)

To: BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, (BOS); BOS-Legislative Aides; Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Mchugh, Eileen (BOS)

Subject: Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements: Economic Impact Report

Date: Friday, February 28, 2025 1:31:39 PM

Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Pursuant to Administrative Code Chapter 10.32, the Office of Economic Analysis of the Controller's Office today released its report on file number 240787, "Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements: Economic Impact Report."

Please refer to the distribution email below.

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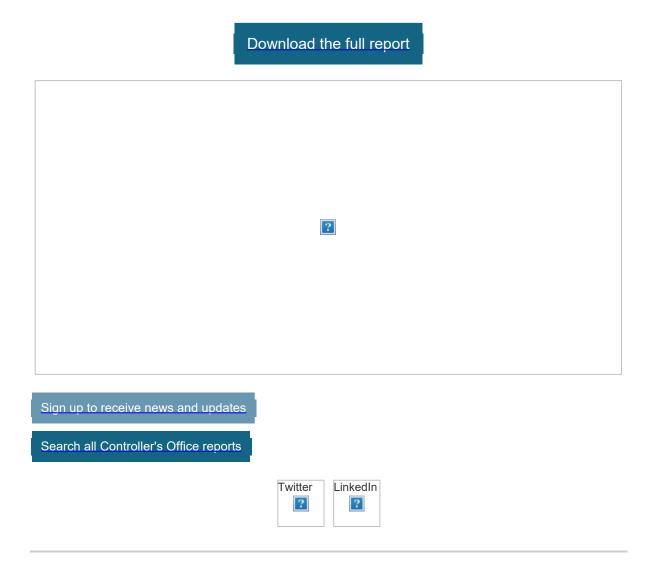
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Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements: Economic Impact Report



Office of the Controller
Office of Economic Analysis

Item #240787 February 28, 2025

Introduction

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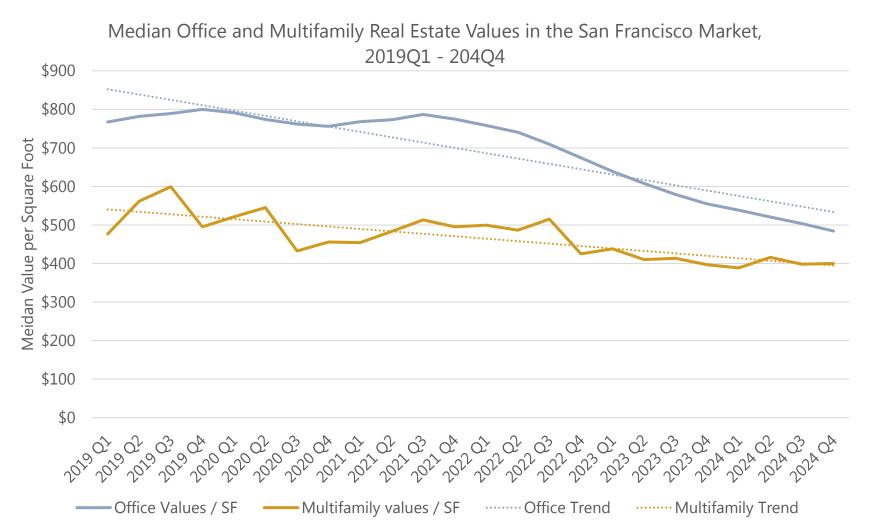
Proposed Amendments

- Specifically, the proposed ordinance would remove the requirement that projects on sites larger than 40,000 square feet in the Central SoMa area must provide at least 2/3rd of the gross floor area of building area below 160 feet in height for non-residential uses.
- Additionally, the proposed ordinance would also remove the Transit Center area's requirement that projects on sites larger than 20,000 square feet include no less than two gross square feet of non-residential for every one gross square foot of residential uses.

Remote Work and Demand for Office Space

- The persistence of remote work after the pandemic has led to a significant reduction in office demand across the nation and has fundamentally changed the city's use of downtown office space.
- The city's office attendance rate fell precipitously and has since plateaued at less than 45% of what it was before the pandemic. Businesses have responded by closing offices, reducing their office footprint, and redesigning the remaining space to cater to a more flexible workspace environment. According to JLL, the city's office vacancy rate rose from 5.2% in 2019Q3 to 34.3% in 2024Q4.
- The result is a smaller daytime population, which negatively affects the local economy through its effect on retail sales, neighborhood businesses, BART, and MUNI ridership.

Office and Multi-Family Housing Values



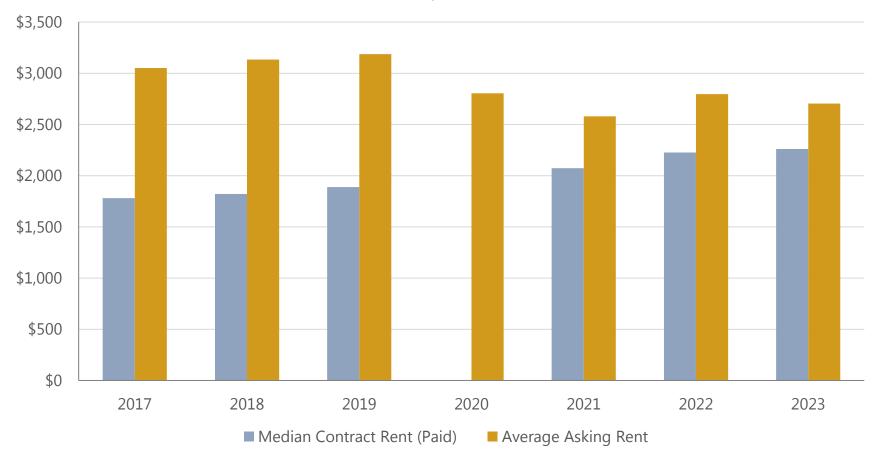
Largely because of remote or hybrid work, office values in San Francisco have declined substantially since 2019, from approximately \$800/square foot to below \$500/square foot, according to CoStar.

Multifamily housing values have also dropped during the same time, though by not nearly as much.

Sources: CoStar

Apartment Asking Rents, and Median Rent Paid

Median Residential Rent Paid, and Average Apartment Asking Rents, San Francisco, 2017-2023



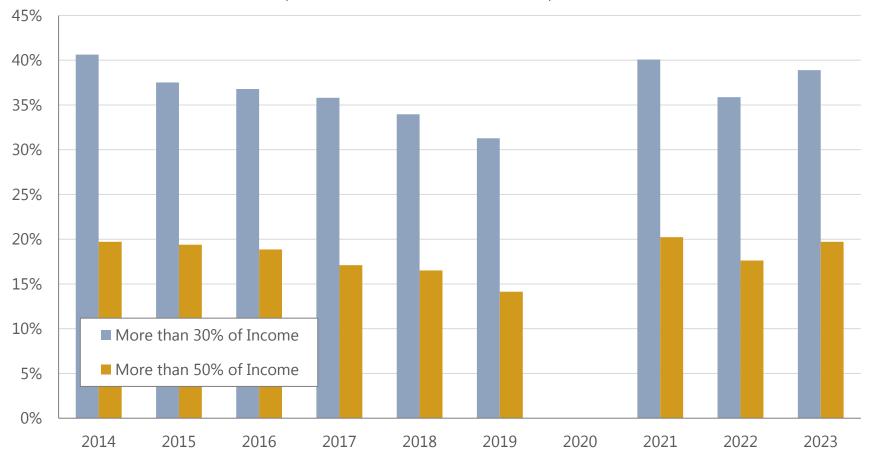
Apartment asking rents have dropped in the city since COVID, as the city's population has declined, and demand for housing close to offices has dropped.

However, the median rent paid by San Francisco tenants has continued to increase. This is likely due to an exodus of tenants in 2020, and a reset of rents in rent-controlled units.

Sources: ApartmentList; U.S. Census, American Communities Survey, various years. Data not available for 2020.

SF Housing Affordability Trends for Renters

Percentages of San Francisco Renters Spending More than 30%, and More than 50%, of Household Income on Rent, 2014-2023



Largely because rent payments have continued to rise, San Francisco households face a higher rent burden than before the pandemic, despite the declining in apartment asking rents.

Policy changes that promote increased housing development are thus still beneficial in the face of this growing issue.

Source: U.S. Census, American Communities Survey, various years. Data not available for 2020.

Economic Impact Factors

- If office development was financially feasible (or close to it), the existing requirement could serve reduce the cost of new office space, on sites where residential development was more profitable than office development.
- Thus the requirement could lead to more office development than would otherwise be the case, along with an increase in office employment, and the indirect multiplier effects associated with that growth, including higher wages.
- However, these benefits would only materialize if office development was financially feasible. It is generally not feasible at the moment, and unlikely to be so for the foreseeable future.
- Conversely, in situations where the requirement constrains housing development that would otherwise have taken place, it would put upward pressure on housing prices. This tends to constrain economic growth and raise housing prices.

Estimating the Impact on Housing Development

- In the present market situation, the requirement effectively forces developers to incur a significant loss developing space, in order to potentially make some profit developing residential space. Removing this requirement would raise developer revenue, potentially to the point that an all-residential project would be financially feasible in the current market.
- To assess this, the OEA used a model that was developed to estimate how changes in market and policy conditions affects the likelihood of housing production in the city¹.
 The model can estimate how likely development on each large site in Central SoMa and the Transbay Area would be, with and without the requirement.
- The OEA did not attempt to estimate the extent to which office development would be limited by the removal of the requirement. Given the historically-high vacancy rates in the office market, we view it as unlikely that office development will be financially feasible in the city for the foreseeable future, with or without the requirement.

Economic Impact Assessment

- The model forecasts that removing the requirements could yield approximately 325 new housing units over a 20-year period, which should lower housing prices by about 0.08%, compared to a baseline scenario in which the requirements were not lifted.
- If the housing market recovers faster than assumed, housing production would be increased over the forecast period. Assumptions are detailed in Appendix A.
- This level of new housing development would have a modest positive impact on the overall city economy, through the effects of new construction and lower housing prices, according to the OEA's REMI model. Over the next 20 years the city would see an average increase in GDP of \$38 million, and 200 jobs.
- While the impacts are sensitive to the assumptions made, the legislation could only lead to a negative economic impact if there was a very significant reversal of in office demand, which is not foreseen by the OEA or other local office market observers.

Conclusions

- Because remote work has led to a reduction in office demand, office development is unlikely to be profitable in San Francisco for the foreseeable future. For this reason, requirements to include office space in new housing developments effectively discourage new housing.
- The proposed legislation's removal of these requirements are therefore expected to lead to increased housing production and a broader citywide economic benefit.
- More generally, since both new office and new housing provide economic benefits to the
 city, there is likely little economic benefit in planning controls that seek to promote one
 land use over another. As the present case illustrates, these regulations can become an
 impediment to economic recovery, and housing affordability, when market conditions
 change.

End Notes

1. The model, developed by the Blue Sky Consulting Company, was originally used by the Controller's Office in our 2016 analysis of inclusionary housing requirements. It was subsequently refined through several engagements with the Planning Department.

Appendix A: Assumptions

Housing Price Growth	3%	
Cost Growth	3%	
Office development cost	\$600	per sf
Office revenue	\$350	per sf
Net office gain/cost	-\$250	per sf
Residential revenue	\$900	per sf

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December 30, 2024

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk Honorable Mayor Breed **Board of Supervisors** City and County of San Francisco City Hall, Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

Transmittal of Planning Department Case Number 2024-006988PCA/MAP: Re:

Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements Board File No. 240787

Planning Commission Recommendation: Approval with Modification

Dear Ms. Calvillo and Mayor Breed,

On November 7, 2024, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance, introduced by Mayor Breed. The proposed ordinance would amend the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District. At the hearing the Planning Commission adopted a recommendation for approval with modifications.

The Commission's proposed modifications were as follows:

- 1. Modify the Ordinance to exempt projects 600' in height and under from the mandatory office allocation requirements in the Central SoMa SUD instead of eliminating the requirement in that SUD. Clarify that these projects are also eligible to utilize any applicable state or local bonus program.
- 2. The sponsor and Board of Supervisors should explore site specific benefits for the key sites impacted by the legislation and prioritize the SoMa CHESS Implementation Plan (when adopted). They should encourage the retention of benefits that focus on complete streets and neighborhoods for these sites.

Mayor Breed, please advise the City Attorney at your earliest convenience if you wish to incorporate the changes recommended by the Commission.

The proposed Ordinance has been determined to be environmentally cleared under California Environmental Quality Act under Case File Nos. 2011.1356E (Central SoMa Plan EIR) certified on May 24, 2012 by the Planning Commission, and 2007.0558E and 2008.0789E (Transit Center District Plan and Transit Tower EIR) certified on May 10, 2018, by the Planning Commission.

Please find attached documents relating to the actions of the Commission. If you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Aaron D. Starr

Manager of Legislative Affairs

cc: Peter Miljanich, Deputy City Attorney
Andres Powers, Office of Mayor London N. Breed
Anne Taupier, Director of Development, OEWD
John Carroll, Office of the Clerk of the Board

ATTACHMENTS:

Planning Commission Resolution
Planning Department Executive Summary





PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 21641

HEARING DATE: NOVEMBER 7, 2024

Project Name: Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements

Case Number: 2024-006988PCA/MAP [Board File No. 240787]

Initiated by: Mayor Breed/ Introduced July 23, 2024
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RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE AND ZONING MAP TO REDUCE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN THE CENTRAL SOMA SPECIAL USE DISTRICT AND REMOVE THE TRANSIT CENTER C-3-0(SD) COMMERCIAL SPECIAL USE DISTRICT; AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S DETERMINATION UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT; MAKING ADOPTING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN, AND THE EIGHT PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE, SECTION 101.1; AND ADOPTING FINDINGS OF PUBLIC NECESSITY, CONVENIENCE, AND WELFARE UNDER PLANNING CODE, SECTION 302.

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, Mayor Breed introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 240787, which would the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District;

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on November 7, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ordinance has been determined to be environmentally cleared under California Environmental Quality Act under Case File Nos. 2011.1356E (Central SoMa Plan EIR) certified on May 24, 2012 by the Planning Commission, and 2007.0558E and 2008.0789E (Transit Center District Plan and Transit Tower EIR) certified on May 10, 2018 by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the Custodian of Records, at 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience, and general welfare require the proposed amendment; and

MOVED, that the Planning Commission hereby adopts a **recommendation for approval with modifications** of the proposed ordinance. The Commission's proposed recommendation is as follows:

- Modify the Ordinance to exempt projects 600' in height and under from the mandatory office allocation requirements in the Central SoMa SUD instead of eliminating the requirement in that SUD. Clarify that these projects are also eligible to utilize any applicable state or local bonus program.
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Findings

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

The world's work model has shifted since the COVID-19 pandemic. Office space that was highly coveted in Downtown pre-pandemic now faces a nearly 45% vacancy rate in SoMa. Unlike typical market trends, hybrid and work-from-home models seem to be a lasting change. At the same time, the city's housing shortage drives out families, forces workers into long commutes, puts seniors at risk, and is a significant contributor to the top challenges we need to tackle, including homelessness, climate change, and our economic recovery. The proposed Ordinance ensures that the city is increasing zoning capacity to provide sufficient housing for the San Franciscans of today and tomorrow. By removing barriers, it improves the feasibility of large projects while still allowing office development if market demand returns. It is the city's responsibility to create clear, feasible paths for projects that will collectively deliver thousands of housing units, and the proposed Ordinance will serve that purpose. Together, with the mayor's other downtown recovery efforts, the proposed Ordinance will jumpstart development projects that have sat entitled but not built. The construction of these projects will assist in regenerating the Downtown as a "24-hour neighborhood" that serves both residents and San Francisco's workforce.



General Plan Compliance

The proposed Ordinance and the Commission's recommended modifications are consistent with the following Objectives and Policies of the General Plan:

CENTRAL SOMA AREA PLAN

GOAL 1
ACCOMMODATE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF JOBS AND HOUSING.



Map from page 21 of the Central SoMa Area Plan showing the previous zoning (left), and the zoning ideal for jobs and housing growth (right).

The plan identifies nearly the entire district as a "Growth Oriented Area". These are areas the Department has identified as ripe for increased jobs and housing capacity. The proposed Ordinance accommodates increased housing growth by removing the commercial development allocation requirement, while still allowing for job growth by continuing to permit Commercial uses.



HOUSING ELEMENT

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURE 7

EXPAND HOUSING CHOICES.

Objective 7 of the Housing Element is to expand housing choices, which, among other objectives, encourages actions to support additional housing near major transit nodes and jobs centers. Removing mandatory office allocations is a key step toward making such projects financially viable, potentially resulting in thousands of new housing units Downtown.

Planning Code Section 101 Findings

The proposed amendments to the Planning Code are consistent with the eight Priority Policies set forth in Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code in that:

- 1. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;
 - The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on neighborhood serving retail uses and will not have a negative effect on opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of neighborhood-serving retail.
- 2. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;
 - The proposed Ordinance would not have a negative effect on housing or neighborhood character.
- 3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;
 - The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's supply of affordable housing.
- 4. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;
 - The proposed Ordinance would not result in commuter traffic impeding MUNI transit service or overburdening the streets or neighborhood parking.
- 5. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;
 - The proposed Ordinance would not cause displacement of the industrial or service sectors due to office development, and future opportunities for resident employment or ownership in these sectors



would not be impaired.

6. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on City's preparedness against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

7. That the landmarks and historic buildings be preserved;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's Landmarks and historic buildings.

8. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development;

The proposed Ordinance would not have an adverse effect on the City's parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas.

Planning Code Section 302 Findings.

The Planning Commission finds from the facts presented that the public necessity, convenience and general welfare require the proposed amendments to the Planning Code as set forth in Section 302.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby ADOPTS A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL WITH MODIFICATIONS the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on November 7, 2024.

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Commission Secretary

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AYES: Campbell, McGarry, Williams, Braun, Imperial, Moore, So

NOES: None ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: November 7, 2024





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PLANNING CODE TEXT, ZONING MAP & GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

HEARING DATE: October 24, 2024

90-Day Deadline for Board File No. 240787: October 24, 2024

Project Name: Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements

Case Number: 2024-006988PCA/MAP [Board File No. 240787]

2024-007906GPA

Initiated by: PCA & MAP: Mayor Breed/Introduced July 23, 2024

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Environmental

Review: Memorandum to File – Final Environmental Impact Report

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval with Modifications

Planning Code Amendment

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District.

The Way It Is Now:

1. The Central SoMa Special Use District contains development controls for the central portion of the South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood. These controls include a requirement that for development

projects in the Special Use District south of Harrison Street on sites larger than 40,000 square feet that entail new construction or addition of 100,000 square feet or more, at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet in height shall be non-residential.

2. The Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District requires development controls for a portion of the C-3-O(SD) Zoning District in the Downtown area around the Transbay Transit Center. This Special Use District's primary control states that all new development on lots larger than 20,000 square feet in the Special Use District shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted commercial uses for every one gross square foot of dwellings or other housing uses.

The Way It Would Be:

- 1. The Central SoMa SUD would not contain any requirement that a certain portion of new development in any part of the SUD contain non-residential uses.
- 2. The Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial SUD would be deleted from the Planning Code and Zoning Map.

General Plan Amendment

The proposed Ordinance would amend the General Plan's Central SoMa Area Plan and the Transit Center District Sub Area Plan.

The Way It Is Now:

Two separate policies located in the Central SoMa Area Plan and the Transit Center District Sub Area Plan require non-residential uses on certain sites. Policy 3.1.1 of the Central SoMa Area Plan requires large parcels to contain at least 50% non-residential land uses. Policy 1.3 of the Transit Center District Sub Area Plan directs development to reserve the bulk of remaining space in the district's core for job growth by limiting the amount of non-commercial uses on major opportunity sites.

The Way It Would Be:

The Central SoMa Area Plan and the Transit Center District Sub Area Plan would encourage, but not require non-residential uses within their respective plan areas.

Background

The Commercial Development Requirements Ordinance is part of a broader effort to increase flexibility in the Downtown core to support COVID-19 recovery. In February 2023, Mayor Breed unveiled the "Roadmap to San Francisco's Future," a comprehensive plan to revitalize Downtown and reinforce San Francisco's role as a global destination and the Bay Area's economic center. In July 2023, the city passed the Commercial to



Residential Adaptive Reuse and Downtown Economic Revitalization legislation (BF 230371), which introduced flexible zoning to allow a wider variety of uses Downtown. This legislation also waived certain Planning Code requirements to make it easier to convert commercial buildings into housing.



In March 2024, Mayor Breed set an ambitious goal to bring 30,000 new residents and students Downtown by 2030. The "30 x 30" action plan builds on the Mayor's Roadmap and outlines four specific strategies to attract people Downtown. The proposed legislation would remove restrictions on specific land uses, allowing more flexibility to help achieve Strategy #2: *Build at least 5,000 new housing units to accommodate 10,000 additional residents Downtown*.

The proposed legislation would remove restrictions on specific land uses, allowing more flexibility in the mix of uses Downtown.

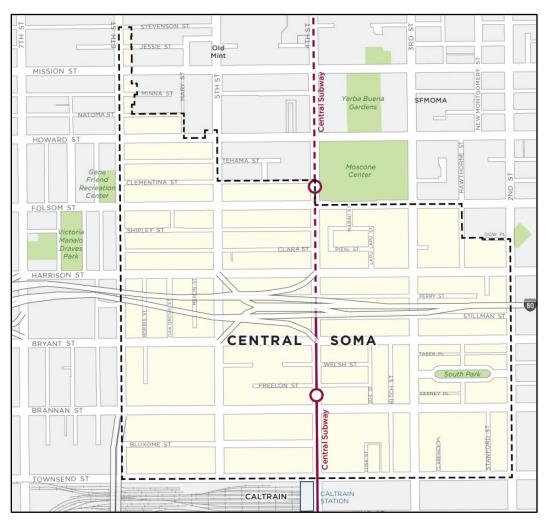
The General Plan Amendments are essential for the proposed Ordinance (BF 240787) to advance. On September 19, 2024, the Planning Commission unanimously voted to initiate these amendments for both the Central SoMa and Transit Center District Sub-Area plans.



Issues and Considerations

The Central SoMa Plan

Adopted in 2018, the Central SoMa Plan envisions a sustainable neighborhood by 2040, meeting present needs without compromising future generations. The plan aims to achieve social, economic, and environmental sustainability, complementing broader sustainability efforts in the city, region, nation, and world.



Area covered by the Central SoMa Plan.

At the time of the plan's drafting, San Francisco was experiencing a booming tech-focused economy. This regional shift into the "idea based" economy resulted in job growth nearly doubling in the Bay Area. It increased demand in areas with easy access to transit, walkable neighborhoods, and nearby amenities. In a largely suburban, car-dependent region, many of these urban neighborhoods are in San Francisco, fueling high demand for space. Meeting this demand required building additional space for jobs, housing, and other essential facilities; however, building in San Francisco is often slow and difficult. Housing and commercial



rents had risen to socially unsustainable levels, becoming the highest in the country. Rising costs pushed out nonprofits, small businesses, artists, and industrial companies.

The plan identified Central SoMa as an appropriate location for commercial and residential development. The area is served by some of the region's best transit, including BART and Caltrain, Muni Metro and many bus lines. Flat streets and a regular grid pattern make destinations easy to reach for people walking and bicycling.

At the time of the plan's drafting, the area contained an incredibly strong cluster of technology companies. It also had a variety of other uses, including thousands of residential units, local and regional-serving retail, cultural and entertainment facilities, hotels, and production/distribution/repair businesses. Simultaneously, the plan identified a substantial opportunity to increase density in Central SoMa. There were numerous undeveloped or underdeveloped sites, such as surface parking lots and single-story commercial buildings.

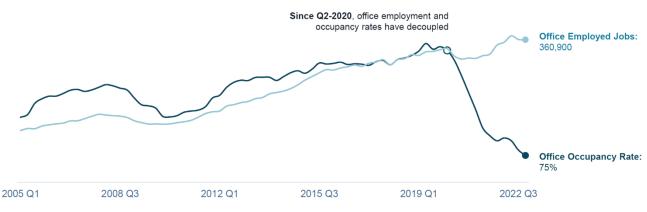
In the proceeding years since the plan's adoption, approximately 5 million square feet of office space has been entitled across six key sites; however, none of it has been constructed.

State of the Downtown

According to a Q2 2024 report on the pulse of the market out of the Office of Economic Workforce Development:

- San Francisco office employment and occupancy are no longer highly correlated (see *graph below*).
- The SoMa District is experiencing some of the highest office vacancy rates in the city, and the city is still experiencing the highest office vacancy rates of any major metro area in the nation. SoMa's commercial vacancy rate is currently 45.2%.
- Citywide, office vacancy rates have *increased* by 28.5% from 2019, with vacancy expected to continue to rise through Q1 of 2025.









San Francisco faces dual challenges of a shortage of housing production and high commercial property vacancy rates due to reduced demand. The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on commercial building use and activity levels throughout the city, but particularly Downtown. Remote work for the approximately 245,505 office workers that were working Downtown prior to the pandemic has continued well past the public health emergency. According to many experts, remote work will continue, either in the form of full-time work from home, or hybrid work arrangements. Both these models result in reduced worker attendance at the office. This change in office work patterns has resulted in reduced demand for Downtown office space and large increases in commercial real estate vacancy rates.

The decline in office workers has hurt other Downtown businesses, particularly restaurants and retail stores that relied on their presence. As a result, Downtown has become far less active than it was pre-pandemic. The reduced foot traffic has affected public spaces, transportation systems, and public safety in the area.

Central SoMa's Key Sites

The Central SoMa Plan identified eight "key development sites" - large, underutilized development opportunities with lot areas ranging from 25,000 square feet to well over 100,000 square feet. The purpose of identifying these sites was to ensure that their development directly delivered critical public benefits. The mandatory office development requirement that the proposed Ordinance would remove currently applies to six of the eight key sites. All six sites have entitled projects, of which five¹ include non-residential space per the requirement, primarily in the form of office space (one project also included a sizable hotel). None of the six entitled projects, including the one primarily housing project, have pulled a building permit to date to start construction.

Other Large Sites within the Two SUDs

In addition to the key sites, several dozen parcels are subject to commercial development requirements based on their size and location within one of the two SUDs. Many of these parcels are already developed with substantial office, residential, or other uses, making demolition for new development unlikely. In addition to the Central SoMa Key Sites described above, the Department has identified three "soft sites", or sites that are prime for development due to their existing undeveloped or underdeveloped conditions, where the commercial development requirements would apply. None of these sites have entitlements or an active project application. One of these sites is in the Transit Center District and two are in Central SoMa.

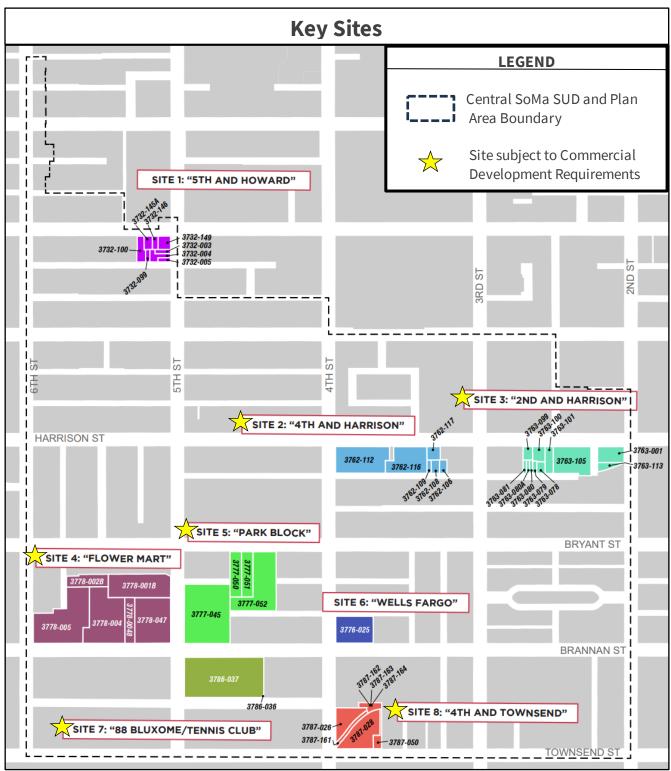
The proposed Ordinance would not prevent office development in SoMa.

Though the proposed Ordinance would allow the sites with existing entitlements to reduce or remove their current office allocations it would not prevent the entitled projects from moving forward. It also would not prevent any new development from proposing office uses. Instead, the Ordinance would create greater flexibility in the combination of uses projects may pursue. It would allow developers to adapt projects where

¹ One specific key site subject was explicitly permitted by the Plan to be eligible for, and was granted, an exception from the use requirement subject to Planning Commission approval.



needed: making them not only more financially viable, but also responsive to the realities of the new workforce.



Map of the Key Sites in Central SoMa with those subject to the commercial development requirements starred.



Interactions with State Bonus Programs

Assembly Bill (AB) 1287, which became effective on January 1, 2024, allows a further density bonus of up to 50% in exchange for providing additional affordable units on site. This is in addition to existing State Density Bonus law, which already allows a 50% bonus. Under AB 1287, projects could achieve a maximum bonus of 100% if they meet the additional affordability requirements. In an ownership or rental project, a sponsor may provide up to an additional 10% of the number of units in the base project at the very-low-income level. This could result in up to an additional 38.75% bonus. Alternatively, in an ownership project, the sponsor may provide up to an additional 15% of the number of units at the moderate-income level. This could result in up to an additional 50% bonus. In theory, AB 1287 could significantly increase the size and height of residential projects.

The sites subject to commercial development requirements are currently ineligible for State Density Bonus programs because their commercial-to-residential ratios exceed state limits on non-residential uses. If the proposed Ordinance is enacted, it would allow projects to utilize the state's bonus programs by reducing or removing their office allocation. As a result, in theory projects could become much larger and taller than what is currently allowed.

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The Need for Housing

The need to accommodate the RHNA housing targets across income levels also requires rezoning for over 36,282 homes in addition to current capacity. As such, various City agencies have taken a multi-pronged approach to accommodating and encouraging new housing development. The mayor has several initiatives aimed at making housing easier to develop in the Downtown, as was highlighted in the "Background" section of this report. The Planning Department has two current efforts aimed at encouraging housing in the city's High Opportunity Areas: The Housing Element Rezoning and The Expanding Housing Choices Program.

The Housing Element Zoning effort will amend zoning in the Housing Opportunity Areas to increase housing capacity to satisfy the city's Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) gap. The zoning program will focus most housing growth on increasing allowable heights and density on transit corridors, commercial corridors, and key opportunity sites within the High Opportunity Areas.

The Expanding Housing Choices Program includes various initiatives that will increase housing choices for residents around the city in a variety of housing types. These initiatives include rezoning to allow more homes in small and mid-rise multifamily buildings, support for ADUs in existing residential buildings, and actions to support additional housing near major transit nodes and jobs centers, including in Downtown. The area the proposed Ordinance would affect is in one of the most transit-rich neighborhoods in the city and borders the city's business district. To that end, the Ordinance would succeed in encouraging housing near job centers and major transit nodes.



General Plan Compliance

Goal 1 of the Central SoMa Area Plan is to "Accommodate a substantial amount of jobs and housing". The plan identifies nearly the entire district as a "Growth Oriented Area". These are areas the Department has identified as ripe for increased jobs and housing capacity.



Map from page 21 of the Central SoMa Area Planshowing the previous zoning (left), and the zoning ideal for jobs and housing growth (right).

The overarching premise of the Transit Center District Sub Area Plan is to continue the concentration of additional growth where it is most responsible and productive to do so—in proximity to San Francisco's greatest concentration of public transit service. The increase in development will provide additional revenue for the Transit Center project and for the necessary improvements and infrastructure in the district. The proposed Ordinance will assist in making larger development projects more feasible by removing the office allocation requirement. This requirement has proven to be cost prohibitive and unnecessary for a Downtown facing high office vacancy rates for the foreseeable future.

Implementation Objective 7 of the Housing Element is to expand housing choices, which, among other objectives, encourages actions to support additional housing near major transit nodes and jobs centers. Removing mandatory office allocations is a key step toward making such projects financially viable, potentially resulting in thousands of new housing units Downtown.



Area Plans to be Amended:

Policy 3.1.1 of the Central SoMa Area Plan requires large parcels to contain at least 50% non-residential land uses. Policy 1.3 of the Transit Center District Sub Area Plan directs development to reserve the bulk of remaining space in the district's core for job growth by limiting the number of non-commercial uses on major opportunity sites. Both policies are proposed to be amended through the General Plan Amendment initiated by the Planning Commission on September 19, 2024. If approved, the policies will continue to encourage office development, but not require a particular percentage/proportion. The amendments will make the proposed Ordinance consistent with the above policies of both plans.

Racial and Social Equity Analysis

The area in which commercial development requirements are proposed to be removed is considered of one of the most central, transit-rich areas of the city. It is vital for racial and social equity to focus affordable housing units in areas that are well connected to jobs, transit, and other resources. Much of this same geography, however, falls within the city's Priority Equity Geographies SUD. Priority Equity Geographies are areas with a higher density of vulnerable populations as defined by the San Francisco Department of Health. This demographic includes people of color, seniors, youth, people with disabilities, linguistically isolated households, and people living in poverty or unemployed. It is the city's goal to increase resources within Priority Equity Geographies for acquisition and rehabilitation, tenant protections, and homeownership, without causing additional displacement pressures or harm to existing vulnerable populations. Though the Housing Element does not prohibit increasing housing capacity within the SUD, it actively encourages focusing housing development on areas of the city that have been historically underdeveloped (the city's High Opportunity Areas).

Key sites projects were often entitled with voluntarily provided community benefits beyond existing code requirements like parks, public facilities, and infrastructure improvements. It is possible that with the removal of the office allocation requirement, projects may be altered so that some community benefits are no longer required; however, as noted earlier in this report, none of the entitled Key Sites have filed permits to begin construction. While it is important to recognize that the currently stalled projects provide no community benefits unless they move forward to construction, if major sites in Central SoMa change to become all or mostly housing, the city may need to adjust its adopted plans and resources for public facilities and services in the district.

These needs will also evolve with a potentially more residential, and less worker-oriented, neighborhood. The Plan's implementation program anticipated development would provide approximately \$900m over the buildout of the plan area (estimated at 25 years) from impact fees and CFD special taxes for public facilities and services. Most of these revenues would be provided by commercial development. Commercial development has a greater impact than residential development on city infrastructure and services. As such, commercial development pays a higher rate of certain development impact fees than residential development. If all subject sites entitled or assumed under the Plan to be developed with non-residential use were to pivot to housing, the effect would be to lower the projection of development impact fee revenue. However, any project that pivots to residential will be subject to all the applicable standards for residential projects, which includes the Inclusionary Housing Program: Projects with 10 units or more are required to pay into the city's affordable housing fund, provide on-site or off-site units, or dedicate land for affordable housing development.



Implementation

The Department has determined that this Ordinance will impact our current implementation procedures; however, the proposed changes can be implemented without increasing permit costs or review time.

Recommendation for Board File No. 240787

The Department recommends that the Commission *adopt a recommendation for approval with modifications* of the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect. The Department's proposed recommendations are as follows:

1. Modify the Ordinance to exempt projects 600' in height and under from the mandatory office allocation requirements in these two SUDs instead of eliminating the requirement. Further, clarify that these projects are also eligible to utilize any applicable state or local bonus program.

Recommendation for General Plan Amendment

The Department recommends that the Commission **adopt a recommendation for approval** of the proposed Ordinance and adopt the attached Draft Resolution to that effect.

Basis for Recommendation

The world's work model has shifted since the COVID-19 pandemic. Office space that was highly coveted in Downtown pre-pandemic now faces a nearly 45% vacancy rate in SoMa. Unlike typical market trends, hybrid and work-from-home models seem to be a lasting change. At the same time, the city's housing shortage drives out families, forces workers into long commutes, puts seniors at risk, and is a significant contributor to the top challenges we need to tackle, including homelessness, climate change, and our economic recovery. The proposed Ordinance ensures that the city is increasing zoning capacity to provide sufficient housing for the San Franciscans of today and tomorrow. By removing barriers, it improves the feasibility of large projects while still allowing office development if market demand returns. It is the city's responsibility to create clear, feasible paths for projects that will collectively deliver thousands of housing units, and the proposed Ordinance will serve that purpose. Together, with the mayor's other downtown recovery efforts, the proposed Ordinance will jumpstart development projects that have sat entitled but not built. The construction of these projects will assist in regenerating the Downtown as a "24-hour neighborhood" that serves both residents and San Francisco's workforce.

Recommendation 1: Modify the Ordinance to exempt projects 600' in height and under from the mandatory office allocation requirements in these two SUDs instead of eliminating the requirement. Further, clarify that these projects are also eligible to utilize any applicable state or local bonus program.



San Francisco, driven by both state mandates and its own Housing Element, must promote residential development and reduce governmental barriers to housing construction. The Department does, however, acknowledge the potential impacts of projects utilizing new State bonuses that could allow for 100% or more height increases. As such, the Department recommends allowing projects to qualify for State bonus programs by reducing or removing their commercial development allocation so long as the project is governed by reasonable physical parameters. This recommendation will help to mold a project's massing while still allowing it to take full advantage of any density bonuses. By allowing for additional height bonuses with limits, the proposed modification will promote new homes in our transit-rich neighborhoods, while fostering a coherent development landscape.

Required Commission Action

The proposed Ordinance is before the Commission so that it may adopt a recommendation of approval, disapproval, or approval with modifications.

Environmental Review

The proposed Ordinance has been determined to be environmentally cleared under California Environmental Quality Act under Case File Nos. 2011.1356E (Central SoMa Plan EIR) certified on May 24, 2012 by the Planning Commission, and 2007.0558E and 2008.0789E (Transit Center District Plan and Transit Tower EIR) certified on May 10, 2018 by the Planning Commission.

Public Comment

As of the date of this report, the Planning Department has not received any public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance.



1	[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements]
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3	Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial
4	development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the
5	Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning
6	Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making
7	findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of
8	Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience,
9	and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.
10	NOTE: Unchanged Code text and uncodified text are in plain Arial font.
11	Additions to Codes are in <u>single-underline italics Times New Roman font</u> . Deletions to Codes are in <u>strikethrough italics Times New Roman font</u> .
12	Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font.
13	Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.
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15	Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:
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17	Section 1. Environmental and Land Use Findings.
18	(a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
19	ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
20	Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
21	Supervisors in File No and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this
22	determination.
23	(b) On, the Planning Commission, in Resolution No,
24	adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance,
25	with the City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The

1 Board adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____, and is incorporated herein by reference. 2 3 (c) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board finds that these Planning Code amendments will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare for the reasons set 4 5 forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. _____, and the Board adopts such 6 reasons as its own. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. _____ and is incorporated herein by reference. 7 8 9 Section 2. Articles 2 and 3 of the Planning Code are hereby amended by revising 10 Sections 249.78, 303, 309, and 329, and deleting Section 248, to read as follows: 11 12 SEC. 248. TRANSIT CENTER C-3-O(SD) COMMERCIAL SPECIAL USE DISTRICT. 13 A Special Use District entitled the "Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District" is hereby established for a portion of the C-3-O(SD) district in the downtown area around the 14 15 Transbay Transit Center within San Francisco, the boundaries of which are designated on Sectional 16 Map SU01 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco. The following provisions shall 17 apply within the Special Use District: 18 (a) Purpose. There are limited remaining development sites in the core of the downtown large 19 enough to be feasibly developed with workplace-oriented uses, particularly adjacent to the region's 20 premier concentration of regional and local public transit infrastructure, such as the Transbay Transit 21 Center, BART, Muni Metro, and the Ferry Building. Significant areas surrounding and within walking distance of the downtown, including Rincon Hill and Zone 1 of the Transbay Redevelopment Area 22 23 along Folsom Street, have been zoned and planned almost exclusively for residential neighborhoods to 24 the exclusion of major commercial uses. Many academic studies have shown that locating jobs 25 immediately proximate to regional transit is a greater influence on use of public transit than is

1	proximity of housing to regional transit, and decentralization of jobs is one of the leading factors
2	increasing auto commuting in the Bay Area. Further, very few districts outside of the C-3 district allow
3	high-density job uses, so it is important to ensure that the few sites large enough for high-density
4	workplace uses in the Transit Center area are preserved primarily for that purpose.
5	(b) Definition of Commercial Use. "Commercial Use" shall mean any use other than a
6	Residential Use, as defined in Section 102 of this Code, permitted in the underlying zoning district.
7	(c) Controls. All new development on lots larger than 20,000 square feet in the Special Use
8	District shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted
9	commercial uses for every one gross square foot of dwellings or other housing uses.
10	(d) Exceptions. Exceptions to the controls in subsection (c) may be granted by the Planning
11	Commission according to the procedures in Section 309 only if the Commission makes one of the
12	following affirmative findings:
13	(1) That the development consists of multiple buildings on a single lot or adjacent lots
14	that are entitled as a single development project pursuant to Section 309, and that commercial uses
15	account for greater than 50% of the project's aggregate total gross floor area for all buildings and
16	where the project sponsor demonstrates that it is infeasible or impractical to construct commercial uses
17	on the footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other housing uses due to the
18	size and configuration of that portion of the lot; or
19	(2) That the footprint of the portion of the site dedicated to dwellings and/or other
20	housing uses is less than 15,000 square feet and the lot contains existing buildings which are to be
21	retained; or
22	(3) That the downtown commercial vacancy rate is persistently high and the project
23	would fulfill its inclusionary requirement pursuant to Planning Code Section 415 through 100% on-site
24	or off-site units within the C-3 District.

SEC. 249.78. CENTRAL SOMA SPECIAL USE DISTRICT.

- (a) **Purpose.** *In order to <u>To</u>* implement the goals, objectives, and policies of the Central SoMa Plan (Ordinance No. 280-18, on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 180185), the Central SoMa Special Use District (SUD) is hereby established.
- (b) **Geography.** The SUD is within the South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood, and its boundaries generally run from 2nd Street to the east to 6th Street to the west, and from Townsend Street to the south to an irregular border that generally follows Folsom, Howard, and Stevenson Streets to the north, as more specifically shown on Sectional Maps 1SU and 8SU of the Zoning Map.
 - (c) Land Use Controls.

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- (6) Use on Large Development Sites.
 - (A) Applicability. South of Harrison Street on sites larger than 40,000 square feet that entail new construction or an addition of 100,000 square feet or more.
 - (B) Requirement. At least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet in height shall be non-residential.
 - Units are Not Permitted in the Central SoMa SUD except in buildings that consist of 100% affordable units. For the purposes of this subsection $\underline{(c)}(76)$, "affordable units" shall mean units rented, leased, or sold at rates or prices affordable to a household whose income is no greater than 80% of the median income for households in San Francisco ("Lower Income Households"), as determined by Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 6928 and 6932 and implemented by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.
 - (<u>87</u>) **Group Housing.** Group Housing uses are Not Permitted in the Central SoMa SUD except Group Housing uses that are also defined as Student Housing, Senior Housing,

or Residential Care Facility, are designated for persons with disabilities, are designated for
Transition Age Youth as defined by the Mayor's Office of Housing <u>and</u> & Community

Development, or are contained in buildings that consist of 100% affordable units. For the

purposes of this subsection <u>(c)(78)</u>, "affordable units" shall mean units rented, leased, or sold

at rates or prices affordable to a household whose income is no greater than 80% of the

median income for households in San Francisco ("Lower Income Households"), as

determined by Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations Sections 6928 and 6932 and

implemented by the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development.

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SEC. 303. CONDITIONAL USES.

(a) **General.** The Planning Commission shall hear and make determinations regarding applications for the authorization of Conditional Uses in the specific situations in which such authorization is provided for elsewhere in this Code. The procedures for Conditional Uses shall be as specified in this Section 303 and in Sections 306 through 306.6, except that Planned Unit Developments shall in addition be subject to Section 304, <u>and</u> Hospitals and Post-Secondary Educational Institutions shall in addition be subject to the Institutional Master Plan requirements of Section 304.5.

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- (g) **Hotels and Motels.** With respect to applications for development of tourist hotels and motels, the Planning Commission shall consider, in addition to the criteria set forth in <u>Ss</u>ubsections (c) and (d) above:
- (1) The impact of the employees of the hotel or motel on the demand in the City for housing, public transit, child-care, and other social services. To the extent relevant, the

- 1 Commission shall also consider the seasonal and part-time nature of employment in the hotel 2 or motel;
 - (2) The measures that will be taken by the project sponsor to employ residents of San Francisco in order to minimize increased demand for regional transportation; *and*
 - (3) The market demand for a hotel or motel of the type proposed.; and

 (4) In the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District, the opportunity

 for commercial growth in the Special Use District and whether the proposed hotel, considered with

 other hotels and non-commercial uses approved or proposed for major development sites in the Special

 Use District since its adoption would substantially reduce the capacity to accommodate dense, transit
 oriented job growth in the District.

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SEC. 309. PERMIT REVIEW IN C-3 DISTRICTS.

The provisions and procedures set forth in this Section 309 shall govern the review of project authorization and building and site permit applications for (1) the construction or substantial alteration of structures in C-3 Districts, (2) the granting of exceptions to certain requirements of this Code where the provisions of this Section are invoked, and (3) the approval of open space and streetscape requirements of the Planning Code. When any action authorized by this Section is taken, any determination with respect to the proposed project required or authorized pursuant to CEQA may also be considered. This Section shall not require additional review in connection with a site or building permit application if review hereunder was completed with respect to the same proposed structure or alteration in connection with a project authorization application pursuant to Section 322.

(a) **Exceptions.** Exceptions to the following provisions of this Code may be granted as provided in the code sections referred to below:

1	* * * *
2	(8) Exceptions to the use requirements in the C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use
3	Subdistrict in Section 248;
4	(98) Exceptions to the height limits for buildings taller than 550 feet in height in
5	the S-2 Bulk District for allowance of non-occupied architectural, screening, and rooftop
6	elements that meet the criteria of Section 260(b)(1)(M);
7	(109) Exceptions to the volumetric limitations for roof enclosures and screens
8	as prescribed in Section 260(b)(1)(F). For existing buildings, exceptions to the volumetric
9	limitations for roof enclosures and screens shall be granted only if all rooftop equipment that is
10	unused or permanently out of operation is removed from the building;
11	(1 ± 0) Exceptions to the height limits for vertical extensions as permitted in
12	Section 260(b)(1)(G) and for upper tower extensions as permitted in Section 263.9;
13	(121) Exceptions to the height limits in the 80-130F and 80-130X Height and
14	Bulk Districts as permitted in Section 263.8 and in the 200-400S Height and Bulk District as
15	permitted in Section 263.10;
16	(132) Exceptions to the bulk requirements as permitted in Sections 270 and
17	272 . ;
18	(143) Exceptions to the exposure requirements as permitted in Section 140-;
19	(154) Exceptions to the usable open space requirements of Section 135-:
20	(165) Exceptions to the Micro-Retail requirements as permitted in Section
21	249.33 . ;
22	(176) Exceptions to the height and bulk limits for parcels within the Van Ness &
23	Market Residential Special Use District as defined by Section 270(f)(2). In considering such
24	exceptions, the Planning Commission shall consider the extent to which the project achieves
25	the following: (A) sculpts the building massing to achieve an elegant and creative tower form

1	that enhances the skyline; (B) reduces or minimizes potential impacts on winds and shadows;
2	(C) provides ground floor uses that serve a range of income levels and enrich the social
3	landscape of the area such as: Arts Activities, Child Care Facility, Community Facility, Public
4	Facility, School, Social Service, priority health service or neighborhood-serving retail; and (D)
5	maximizes housing density within the allowed envelope-:
6	(187) Exceptions to the percent lot coverage requirements of Section
7	270.2(e)(6) for projects within the Van Ness & Market Residential Special Use District. The
8	Planning Commission shall only grant such exceptions if the Planning Commission finds that:
9	(A) the proposed mid-block alley and percent coverage do not negatively affect the use and
10	purpose of the alley as a means of creating a more efficient pedestrian network, as described
11	in subsections 270.2(a)-(b); and (B) the proposed percent coverage does not negatively
12	impact the quality of the mid-block alley as an area of pedestrian and retail activity and public
13	open space. An exception shall not be granted for any mid-block alley that is less than 35
14	percent open to the sky . ;
15	(198) Exceptions to the required minimum dwelling unit mix in Section 207.6 for
16	projects within the Van Ness & Market Residential Special Use District. In considering such
17	exceptions, the Planning Commission shall consider the following criteria:
18	(A) whether the project demonstrates a need or mission to serve unique
19	populations; or
20	(B) whether the project site or existing building(s), if any, feature
21	physical constraints that make it unreasonable to fulfill the requirements of Section 207.6 or

(2019) Exceptions to the permitted obstructions requirements in Section 136 for

projects within the Van Ness & Market Special Use District as defined by Section 270(f)(2).

The Planning Commission shall only grant such an exception if it finds that the proposed

subsection 309(a)(189)(A); and

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1	obstructions assist the proposed development to meet the requirements of Section 148, or
2	otherwise reduce wind speeds at the ground-level or at upper level open space.
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5	(e) Imposition of Conditions, General. If, pursuant to the provisions of this Section
6	309, the Planning Commission determines that conditions should be imposed on the approval
7	of a building or site permit application or Section 309 application, and the applicant agrees to
8	comply, the Planning Commission may approve the application subject to those conditions,
9	and if the applicant refuses to so agree, the Planning Commission may disapprove the
10	application.
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13	SEC. 329. LARGE PROJECT AUTHORIZATION IN EASTERN NEIGHBORHOODS MIXED
14	USE DISTRICTS.
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16	(e) Exceptions for Key Sites in Central SoMa.
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18	(3) Controls. Pursuant to this Section 329(e) and the Key Site Guidelines
19	adopted as part of the Central SoMa Area Plan, the Planning Commission may grant
20	exceptions to the provisions of this Code as set forth in subsection (d) above and may also
21	grant the exceptions listed below for projects that provide qualified amenities in excess of
22	what is required by the Code.
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24	(B) Exceptions. Upon consideration of qualified amenities in excess of
25	what is required by the Code, the Planning Commission may grant one or more exceptions to

1	the following requirements: the streetwall and setback controls in Section 132.4; the building
2	separation controls in Section 132.4, including but not limited to the controls in subsection
3	132.4(d)(3)(B); the setback requirements in Section 261.1; bulk controls in Section 270(h);
4	and the lot merger restrictions in Section 249.78(d)(7).
5	In addition to these exceptions, the Planning Commission may grant one
6	or more of the following exceptions:
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8	(vi) On the Key Site identified in Section 329(e)(2)(H), exception
9	to the protected pedestrian-, cycling-, and transit-oriented street frontage requirements of
10	Section 155(r), the street frontage requirements in Section 145.1, the required ground floor
11	commercial uses in Section 145.4, the requirement that at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area
12	of all building area below 160 feet be non-residential in Section 249.78(c)(6), and the requirement i
13	Section 138(d)(2)(E)(i) that ground floor POPOS be open to the sky. In addition, the usable
14	open space requirement pursuant to Section 135 may be reduced to 60 square feet of usable
15	open space required for each dwelling unit if not publicly accessible.
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18	Section 3. Article 8 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by replacing all

references to Planning Code subsection "249.78(c)(7)" in each of the Sections, subsections, and tables listed below with the term "249.78(c)(6)." If any references in the Planning Code to "249.78(c)(7)" have been inadvertently omitted from the list below, the City Attorney is authorized to cause such references to be changed to "249.78(c)(6)."

- Table 830
- 24 Table 831

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2	Section 4. Article 8 of the Planning Code is hereby amended by replacing all
3	references to Planning Code subsection "249.78(c)(8)" in each of the Sections, subsections,
4	and tables listed below with the term "249.78(c)(7)." If any references in the Planning Code to
5	"249.78(c)(8)" have been inadvertently omitted from the list below, the City Attorney is
6	authorized to cause such references to be changed to "249.78(c)(7)."
7	- Table 830
8	- Table 831
9	- Table 833
10	- Table 839
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12	Section 5. Zoning Map. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Special
13	Use District Map SU01 of the Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco to delete
14	the Transit Center C-3-O(SD) Commercial Special Use District.
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16	Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
17	enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the

of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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Section 7. Scope of Ordinance. Except as stated in Sections 3 and 4 of this ordinance, in enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board

ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board

1	amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the		
2	ordinance.		
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4	APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
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6	By: <u>/s/ Peter R. Miljanich</u> PETER MILJANICH		
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MEMORANDUM

	Date:	July 26, 2024				
	To:	Planning Department/Planning Commission				
	From:	John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee				
	Subject:	Board of Supervisors Legislation Referral - File No. 240787 Planning Code, Zoning Map - Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements				
\boxtimes	(Californ ⊠	ia Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Determination ia Public Resources Code, Sections 21000 et seq.) Ordinance / Resolution Ballot Measure CEQA Clearance under Memorandum to File for Case File Nos. 2011.1356E (Central SoMa Plan EIR), 2007.0558E and 2008.0789E (Transit Center District Plan and Transit Tower EIR), October 16, 2024. Re: 2024-006988PCAMAP and 2024-007906GRA Certical SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements 01/09/2025				
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		Amendment to the Administrative Code, involving Land Use/Planning (Board Rule 3.23: 30 days for possible Planning Department review)				
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		Preservation Commission Landmark (Planning Code, Section 1004.3) Cultural Districts (Charter, Section 4.135 & Board Rule 3.23) Mills Act Contract (Government Code, Section 50280) Designation for Significant/Contributory Buildings (Planning Code, Article 11)				

Please send the Planning Department/Commission recommendation/determination to John Carroll at john.carroll@sfgov.org.



MEMORANDUM TO FILE

Date: October 16, 2024

To: Case File Nos. 2011.1356E (Central SoMa Plan EIR), 2007.0558E and 2008.0789E (Transit

Center District Plan and Transit Tower EIR)

From: Debra Dwyer, Joy Navarrete, Principal Environmental Planners

Re: 2024-006988PCAMAP and 2024-007906GPA Central SoMa and Transit Center District

Commercial Development Requirements [Board file No. 240787]

Background

On May 24, 2012, the Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Transit Center District Plan and Transit Tower EIR under cases 2007.0558E and 2008.0789E. On May 10, 2018, the Planning Commission certified the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Central SoMa Plan EIR under case 2011.1356E. Special use districts related to commercial development requirements were adopted as part of these two plans as discussed below.

Existing Law

The Central SoMa Special Use District, set forth in Planning Code Section 249.78, provides development controls for the central portion of the South of Market (SoMa) neighborhood. In particular, for development projects in the Special Use District south of Harrison Street on sites larger than 40,000 square feet that entail new construction or addition of 100,000 square feet or more, at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet in height shall be non-residential.

The Transit Center Commercial Special Use District, set forth in Planning Code Section 248, provides development controls for a portion of the C-3-O(SD) Zoning District in the downtown area around the Transbay Transit Center (Salesforce Transit Center). The special use district's primary control is a requirement that all new development on lots larger than 20,000 square feet in the Special Use District shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted commercial uses for every one-gross-square-foot of dwellings or other housing uses.

Proposed Amendments to the Planning Code

The proposed amendments ("proposed amendments") included in this Board of Supervisors ordinance (Board File 240787) proposes to remove from the Planning Code the requirement that certain development projects in the Central SoMa Special Use District must provide at least two-thirds of the Gross Floor Area of all building area below 160 feet in height for non-residential uses. The proposed amendments would also remove the Transit Center Commercial Special Use District from the Planning Code and Zoning Map in its entirety, including the requirement that certain

development projects shall include not less than two gross square feet of principally or conditionally permitted commercial uses for every one-gross-square-foot of dwellings or other housing uses.

As these are proposed amendments to the Planning Code and Zoning map, there would be no direct environmental impacts. However, the indirect impact of these changes would likely be less development of commercial office space as well as an increase in the development of residential uses.

As analyzed below, environmental impacts associated with these amendments would not result in new or more severe impacts than analyzed in the Central SoMa and Transit Center area plan EIRs.

Analysis

Generally, residential uses are less intensive and less impactful than commercial uses. Impacts that would not change regardless of development as commercial or residential use under the plans include construction-related impacts for transportation, air quality, and noise/vibration topics, and the construction-related mitigation measures would continue to apply to residential development under the plan, as applicable.

Pursuant to CEQA, this memorandum to file focuses specifically on the physical environmental effects that could result from implementing the proposed amendments, which in this case is transportation. The proposed amendments do not directly propose new housing development projects and thus, would not directly result in the construction of residential units. However, by allowing for residential use instead of commercial, the proposed amendments could encourage the production of a greater number of housing units at any given eligible site than would occur under existing land use controls within the Central SoMa and Transit Center area plans. In other words, the amendments would allow for a greater number of residential units to be included these areas than previously planned. Nonetheless, the proposed amendments would not increase projected demand for housing, nor would it change the total amount of residential growth (in terms of numbers of units) anticipated in the City. In addition, the Central SoMa and Transit Center area plan EIRs adequately analyzed growth that could occur pursuant to both the state density bonus program and the plans' own height bonus provision, and the resulting effects such as transportation, air quality, traffic noise, and water demand. Subsequent development projects in the plan areas would continue to undergo project-level CEQA review, as applicable, to determine whether or not they would result in significant environmental effects not disclosed in the EIRs as a result of any additional height increases or bulk modifications permitted under the state density bonus law. The state density bonus, as well as the plans' own height bonus provision, would be applied on a case-by-case and site-by-site basis and will have to be evaluated as such for any site-specific effects, such as shadow or wind impacts.

Transportation:

The Central SoMa and Transit Center District plan areas are classified as urban high density place types for travel demand and transportation analysis. In terms of the way people travel in this place type, for office use 24% of person trips are by auto (including for hire vehicles), 29% of trips are by transit, and 42% are walking trips. Whereas, for residential use 36% of person trips are by auto (including for hire vehicles), 28% of trips are by transit, and 38% are walking trips. Travel demand in terms of daily person trips associated with residential uses is 14% (3-4 bedroom units) to 71% (studio-1 bedroom units) below the daily person trips per 1,000 gross square feet (gsf) of commercial uses.

The proposed amendments could result in more projects being residential and qualifying for state density bonus (SDB). Although residential use is generally less intensive than commercial use, the proposed amendments in conjunction with SDB could result in larger developments i.e. residential square footage would be greater than the



commercial square footage it replaces. This could result in additional person trips than assumed in the EIRs. The transportation mitigation measures identified below to be carried out by SFMTA would be applicable regardless of the proposed amendments. In addition, the transportation mitigation measures applicable to development projects have demonstrated effectiveness at reducing impacts to less than significant. In addition, since it is not known how many projects would choose state density bonus and where those would be located, it is speculative to assume the amount of development under these amendments with SDB. Barring such speculation, one could assume that every eligible residential development site would employ the state density bonus. However, this approach would be likely to considerably overstate the number of residential units that would be developed. In reality, the state density bonus, as well as the plans' own height bonus provision, would be applied on a case-by-case and site-by-site basis and will have to be evaluated as such for any site-specific effects, such as transportation impacts.

To be conservative, but also realistic, the analysis below assumes there could be additional person trips with the proposed amendment.

Vehicle Miles Traveled: The entire plan areas for both the Central SoMa Plan and the Transit Center District Plan meet the map-based screening for vehicle miles traveled (VMT) for residential use. Daily VMT for the transportation analysis zones within the plan areas are substantially below the threshold of 15 percent below the regional average VMT per capita for residential use. Therefore, the indirect VMT impact related to additional residential development instead of commercial would be less than significant.

Transit: The EIRs identified a significant and unavoidable public transit delay impacts, and identified mitigation measures to address this impact to be implemented by the City (including the Planning Department and the SFMTA) and by sponsors of proposed developments (Central SoMa, M-TR-3a, Transit Enhancements; TCDP, M-TR-3a: Installation and Operation of Transit-Only and Transit Queue-Jump Lanes and M-TR-3c: Transit Improvements on Plan Area Streets). The SFMTA would be responsible for implementing transit safety, reliability, and travel time savings regardless of the removal of requirements for commercial development. In addition, development projects with offstreet vehicular parking facilities with 20 or more vehicular parking spaces shall ensure that recurring vehicle queues would not substantially affect public transit operations on the public right-of-way. Mitigation measure M-TR-6a: Driveway and Loading Operations Plan (DLOP) applies to projects over 100,000 gsf of development regardless of use. Mitigation measure M-TR-6b: Accommodation of On-street Commercial Loading Spaces and Passenger Loading/Unloading Zones, requires the SFMTA to develop a curb management strategy for Central SoMa. The SFMTA completed a curb management strategy for the City to identify the approach for addressing the best use of the curb. In addition, development projects greater than 100,000 gsf must also implement a passenger loading zone. These measures would continue as required even if there is more residential use in the plan areas. For the above reasons, the proposed amendments would not alter the conclusions in the final EIR with respect to the significance of transit delay impacts.

Traffic hazards: Development of subsequent residential and non-residential projects under the Central SoMa Plan or the Transit Center District Plan would not introduce unusual design features that would result in traffic hazards. The EIRs acknowledged that these plans would bring more people into the areas, which would result in an increase in the potential for conflicts between vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians. The potential for conflicts increases with an increase in the number of roadway users as could occur with the code amendments. However, an increased potential for conflicts by itself does not represent a traffic hazard. Both plans call for implementation of street network changes (e.g., cycle tracks, sidewalk widening, transit-only lanes) that would reduce the potential for vehicle-pedestrian and vehicle-bicycle conflicts by designing the streets for all modes, enhancing sight lines and visibility, and reducing motor



vehicle travel speeds. Removal of requirements for projects to include commercial use, and therefore, potentially increase residential development would not change this conclusion.

Pedestrians and Bicycles. Both plans identify streetscape improvements within the plan areas, including improved bicycle facilities and safety improvements for pedestrians consistent with the City's Vision Zero policy. These improvements would be implemented by the City but could also be made as part of a private development's streetscape plan for compliance with the Better Streets Plan, if applicable.

Loading: The removal of the requirement to include commercial use and result in increase residential use would not alter the analysis or conclusions with respect to loading impacts in either EIR. Under both plans, mitigation identifies that SFMTA would be responsible for ensuring adequacy of on-street loading spaces (Central SoMa - M-TR-6b: Accommodation of On-street Commercial Loading Spaces and Passenger Loading/Unloading Zones; TCDP, M-TR-7b: Augmentation of On-Street Loading Space Supply). In addition, project sponsors for projects over a certain size would be required to implement management of onsite loading facilities (Central SoMa M-TR-6a: Driveway and Loading Operations Plan; TCDP M-TR-5: Garage/Loading Dock Attendant and M-TR-7a: Loading Dock Management) regardless of whether the development is commercial or residential use.

For all of the above reasons, the proposed amendments would not alter the conclusions in the final EIR with respect to the significance of transportation and circulation impacts.

Based on the above, the proposed amendments to the Planning Code would not result in new environmental impacts, substantially increase the severity of the previously identified environmental impacts, nor require new or revised mitigation measures. Furthermore, mitigation and improvement measures that were applicable to the Central SoMa and Transit Center area plan EIRs would apply with the proposed amendments. As such, all environmental impacts that would result from the proposed amendments to the Planning Code (both construction and operational) would have the same conclusions as were disclosed in the final EIRs for the Central SoMa Plan and Transit Center District Plan.

Conclusion

San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.19(c)(1) states that a modified project must be reevaluated and that, "If, on the basis of such reevaluation, the Environmental Review Officer determines, based on the requirements of CEQA, that no additional environmental review is necessary, this determination and the reasons therefore shall be noted in writing in the case record, and no further evaluation shall be required by this Chapter." Thus, for the reasons outlined above, this memorandum to file provides sufficient documentation that the proposed amendments do not warrant additional environmental review.



[Approval of a Retroactive 90-Day Extension for Planning Commission Review of Planning Code, Zoning Map - Central SoMa and Transit Center District Commercial Development Requirements (File No. 240787)]

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Resolution retroactively extending by 90 days the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on an Ordinance (File No. 240787) amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0 (SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

WHEREAS, On July 23, 2024, Mayor Breed introduced legislation amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0 (SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302; and

WHEREAS, On or about July 26, 2024, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors referred the proposed Ordinance to the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission shall, in accordance with Planning Code, Section 306.4(d), render a decision on the proposed Ordinance within 90 days from the date of referral of the proposed amendment or modification by the Board to the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Failure of the Commission to act within 90 days shall be deemed to constitute disapproval; and

WHEREAS, The Board, in accordance with Planning Code, Section 306.4(d) may, by Resolution, extend the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission is to render its decision on proposed amendments to the Planning Code that the Board of Supervisors initiates; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Breed has requested additional time for the Planning Commission to review the proposed Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, The Board deems it appropriate in this instance to grant to the Planning Commission additional time to review the proposed Ordinance and render its decision; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That by this Resolution, the Board hereby retroactively extends the prescribed time within which the Planning Commission may render its decision on the proposed Ordinance for approximately 90 additional days, until January 22, 2025.



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Resolution

File Number: 241091 Date Passed: November 19, 2024

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November 19, 2024 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Dorsey, Engardio, Mandelman, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

File No. 241091

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on 11/19/2024 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

> Angela Calvillo Clerk of the Board

London N. Breed Mayor

Date Approved

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco's Land Use and Transportation Committee will hold a public hearing to consider the following proposal and said public hearing will be held as follows, at which time all interested parties may attend and be heard:

Date: Monday, March 3, 2025

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Legislative Chamber, Room 250, located at City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco. CA 94102

Subjects: File No. 250003. Ordinance amending the General Plan to reduce commercial

development requirements in the Central SoMa Area Plan and the Transit Center District SubArea Plan areas; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience,

and welfare under Planning Code, Section 340.

File No. 240787. Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

In accordance with Administrative Code, Section 67.7-1, persons who are unable to attend the hearing on this matter may submit written comments. These comments will be added to the official public record in this matter and shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Supervisors. Written comments should be addressed to Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA, 94102 or sent via email (bos@sfgov.org). Information relating to this matter is available with the Office of the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors' Legislative Research Center (https://sfbos.org/legislative-research-center-lrc). Agenda information relating to this matter will be available for public review on Friday, February 28, 2025.

Hearing Date: March 3, 2025

For any questions about this hearing, please contact the Assistant Clerk for the Land Use and Transportation Committee:

John Carroll (john.carroll@sfgov.org ~ (415) 554-4445)

Angela Calvillo

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors City and County of San Francisco

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City and County of San Francisco Human Services Agency (HSA) Funding Opportunity Request for Proposals (RFP) #1174 Health Promotion Programs

1. Older Americans Act Title
III D - Disease Prevention

disease, diabetes, obesity, arthritis, and osteoprosis. Title III-D health promotion programs can also focus on chronic pain management, stress management, tall prevention, physical activity, and support for caregivers. Health promotion programs are provided in a variety of settings including senior centers, community denters, and community denters, and community dining sites. Some programs are offered remotely through virtual platforms, as well as in-person. 2. Health Promotion Program

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2. Health Promotion Program for Older Adults and Adults with Disabilities: These programs are designed to enhance the overall health and well-being of older adults and adults with disabilities by focusing on reducing disease and injury. There is a strong emphasis on physical fitness and fall prevention strategies, which aim to improve mobility, balance, and strength, utilimately reducing the risk of falls and promoting better physical health outcomes. Programs may include

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and the Department of
Disability and Aging Services
(DAS) announces their
intent to seek proposals
from nonprofit organizations
to provide health promotion
programs for older adults
and adults with disabilities.
These programs are designed
to promote physical health
prevent illness, and manage
chronic health conditions.
SFHSA and DAS are seeking
proposals for two types of
health promotion programs.
1. Older Americans Act Title
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EXM-3898382# health promotion programs include those related to the prevention and mitigation of the effects of chronic health conditions such as hypertension, arthritis, heart disease, diabetes, obesity,

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The agenda packet and legislative files are available for review at https://sfbos.org/ legislative-research-center-lrc, in Room 244 at City Hall, or by calling (415) 554-5184.

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RFP packets are available

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We encourage all interested organizations to apply. If you know of other agencies that might be interested in this opportunity, feel free to forward this announcement

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February 24, 2025 –

B. GOODLETT PLACE, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - 1:30 PM The agenda packet and legislative files are available for review at https://sfbos.org/ legislative-research-center.ci in Room 244 at City Hall, or by calling (415) 554-5184. EXM-3897884#

CITATION
SUPERIOR COURT FOR
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE CITY AND
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UNITED FAMILY COURT
Case Number: JD24-3124

In the Matter of: BBC, DOB: July 15,2024, A Minor T. Stormm A. Read, mother, Jason A. Challenger, alleged father; and any other persons(s) claiming to be the Parent(s) of said minor. You are hereby notified that the San Francisco Juvenile Dependency Court has ordered a hearing pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 366.26, to determine whether your parental rights

whether your parental rights should be terminated and your child(ren) be freed from your custody and control for the purpose of having him adopted. adopted. BY ORDER OF THIS COURT.

SYMPORT OF THIS COURT.

YOU are hereby cited and required to appear before this Court on the day of April 23, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. at the Juvenile Dependency Court, 400 McAllister Street, Room 425, San Francisco, California, then and there to show cause, if any you have, why said minor(s) should not be declared free from the custody and control of his parent(s). This proceeding is for the purpose of developing a permanent plan for the child(ren), which could include adoption.

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If you appear on the above-mentioned date in the above-mentioned date in the above-mentioned davies you of the nature of the proceedings, the procedures, and possible consequences of the entitled action. The parent(s) of the minor(s) have the right to have an attorney present and, if an attorney present and, if the parent(s) cannot afford an attorney, the Court will appoint an attorney for the parent(s). Dated: February 7, 2025 Beverly Tovio, Paralegal for Petitioner, Department of Human Services (415) 554-3846

3846 By: Gabriel Domingo, Deputy Clerk

EXM-3896344#

CIVIL

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. 25-CIV-00548
Superior Court of California,
County of SAN MATEO
Petition of: William Wei Nan
Oin for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED
PERSONS:
Petitioner William Wei Nan Oin
filed a petition with this court
for a decree changing names
as follows:
William Wei Nan Oin to
William Wei Nan Chin
The Court orders that all
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grant the petition without a hearing.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: 04/02/2025, Time: 0900, Dept.: M/C
The address of the court is 400 COUNTY CENTER REDWOOD CITY, CA-94063

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Examiner Date: 1/27/25 Hon. Stephanie Garratt Judge of the Superior Court 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14/25 SPEN-3898417#

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES

EXAMINER - REDWOOD CITY TRIBUNE*10080

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. M-299754
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
ALADDIN HAULING, 1534 PLAZA LN #136, BURLINGAME, CA 94010.
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
MARCOS DA SILVA, 1534 PLAZA LN #136, BURLINGAME, CA 94010
This business is conducted by AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant(s) commenced

AN INDIVIDUAL
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the flicitious business name or names listed above on 12/23/2019
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S' MARCOS DA SILVA
This statement was filed S/MAHCOS DA SILVA This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Mateo County on 02/10/2025 Mark Church, County Clerk 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14/25 NPEN-3898370#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. M-299788 following person(s) is

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as: IPHONE REPAIRING, 318 WESTLAKE CTR STE 213, DALY CITY, CA 94015, County of SAN MATEO KHAN COMPANY LLC, 318 WESTLAKE CENTER SUITE 213, DALY CITY, CA 94015 This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The registrant(s) commenced

COMPANY
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 09/10/2019

09/10/2019
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is quilty of a crime.)

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. M-299777
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
WELLINGS WEALTH CARE,
695 OAK GROVE AVE STE
100,

MENLO PARK, CA 94025, County of SAN MATEO BRUCE WELLINGS, 695 OAK GROVE AVE STE 100, MENLO PARK, CA 94025

MENLO PARK, CA 94025
This business is conducted by
A MARRIED COUPLE
The registrant(s) commenced
to transact business under
the fictitious business name
or names listed above on
09/24/2019

09/24/2019

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information

declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ BRUČE WELLINGS
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Mateo County on 02/11/2025 Mark Church, County Clerk 22/1, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14/25
NPEN-3898359#

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. M-299757
The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
LIBBY RAAB
ARCHTECTURE, 410
LA MESA DR, PORTOLA
VALLEY, CA 94028, County
of SAN MATEO
ELIZABETH RAAB, 410
LA MESA DR, PORTOLA
VALLEY, CA 94028
This business is conducted by

VALLEY, CA 94028
This business is conducted by An INDIVIDUAL AN INDIVIDUAL AND IN

which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ ELIZABETH RAAB
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Mateo County on 02/10/2025 Mark Church, County Clerk 22/1, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14/25
NPEN-3898357#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. M-299725
ne following person(s) is The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:
THE CHANDLER GROUP,
1420 ROCKY RIDGE DR.,
STE. 200, ROSEVILLE,
CA DRESS 707 ND AVE S.,
MINNEAPOLIS, MIN 55474,
COUNTY OF PLACER
AMERIPRSE FINANCIAL
SERVICES, LLC, 707 2ND
AVE S., MINNEAPOLIS, MN
55474
This business is conducted
by A LIMITED LIABILITY
COMPANY
STATE OF ORGANIZATION:
DELWARE
The registrant(s) commenced

STATE OF ORGANIZATION: DELWARE
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 01/01/2025
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ MICHELLE MILLER, MANAGER
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Mateo County on 02/05/2025
Mark Church, County Clerk 221, 1228, 317, 3141/25
NPEN-3898251#
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. M-297155
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
SACUANJOCHE BUILDING
MAINTENANCE. 3655
colegrove St. APT 8, SAM
MATEO, CA 94403 County of
SAN MATEO,

MATEO CA 94403 County of SAN MATEO JUAN R BARRERA, 3655 colegrove St. APT 8, SAN MATEO CA 94403 fersthel Isabel Gomez, 3655 Colegrove St. #8, San Mateo, CA 94403 This business is conducted by a the property of the proper

to transact business under the fictitious business name

or names listed above on N/A. I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ JUAN RAMON BARRERA

S/ JOAN PAWOR STATE STAT

Mark Church, County Clerk [Deputy], Deputy Original 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14/25 NPEN-3897698# EXAMINER - BOUTIQUE & VILLAGER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
File No. M-299724
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
MJM BUILD GROUP, 136
SAN FERNANDO WAY, DALY
CITY CA 94015 Courb, of

SAN FERNANDO WAY, DALY CITY, CA 94015, County of SAN MATEO MJM BUILD GROUP LLC, 136 SAN FERNANDO WAY, DALY CITY, CA 94015 This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY STATE This business is conducted by A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY. STATE OF ORGANIZATION: CALIFORNIA The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 1/1/2025

1/1/2025
I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.)
S/ MILES MUSTARI, LLC MANAGING MEMBER MANAGING MEMBER
This statement was filed
with the County Clerk of San
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Mateo County Clerk of San
SALGADO
Mark Church, County Clerk
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The registrant(s), commenced

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 03/19/2024

clare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information which he or she knows to be false is guilty of a crime.) S/ THOMAS L. WEINBERG, PRESIDENT PRESIDENT
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Mateo County on FEB 07,

2025 Mark Church, County Clerk 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7/25 NPEN-3895566# EXAMINER - BOUTIQUE &

VILLAGER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS
NAME STATEMENT
FIE No. 2025-0-405562
Fictitious Business Name(s)/
Trade Name (DBA):
T221
CONCEPT. 1221
DIVISADERO STREET, SAN
FRANCISCO, CA 94115
County of SAN FRANCISCO
Registered Owner(s):

FRANCISCO, CA 94115
County of SAN FRANCISCO
Registered Owner(s):
ANNA ISAEVA, 1221
DIVISADERO STREET, SAN
FRANCISCO, CA 94115
This business is conducted by:
an Individual
The registrant commenced to
transact business under the
fictitious business name or
names listed above on N/A.
I declare that all information
in this statement is true and
correct. (A registrant who
declares as true any material
matter pursuant to Section
17913 of the Business and
Professions code that the
registrant knows to be false
is guilty of a misdemeanor
punishable by a fine not to
exceed one thousand dollars
(\$1.000.)
S/ ANNAI SAEVA,
This statement, was filed

Š. ÁNNÁ ISAEVA, This statement was filed with the County Clerk of San Francisco County on 02/05/2025. NOTICE-In accordance with Subdivision (a) of Section 17920, a Ficitious Name Statement generally expires at the end of five years from the date on which if was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided the date on which it was filed in the office of the County Clerk, except, as provided in Subdivision (b) of Section 17920, where it expires 40 days after any change in the facts set forth in the statement pursuant to Section 17913 other than a change in the residence address of a registered owner. A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filling of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name of a rictilious business warm in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code). 2114, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7/25 CNS-3895300#

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

NAME STATMENT
File No. m299383
The following person(s) is
(are) doing business as:
1. Northern California Practice
Sales, 2. DDSMatch Bay Area,
3. DDSMatch San Francisco
Bay Area, 330 Primrose Road,
Suite 218, Burlingame, CA
94010 Country of SAN MATCO
Mailing Address: 330 Primrose
Road, Suite 218, Burlingame,
CA 94010
Stephen Andrew Mollinelli. 330

CA 94010 Stephen Andrew Molinelli, 330 Primrose Road, Suite 218, Burlingame, CA 94010

Burlingame, CA 94010
This business is conducted by an Individual
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 08/01/1999.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Budget and Legislative Analyst

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: March 12, 2025

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION AMENDED - FISCAL IMPACT DETERMINATION

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee (a nonfiscal committee) amended the following legislation on March 10, 2025. Pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 2.6-3, the new version is being forwarded to you as it was initially determined not to have fiscal impact.

File No. 240787-2

Ordinance amending the Planning Code and Zoning Map to reduce commercial development requirements for certain residential projects and modify the land dedication requirements in the Central SoMa Special Use District and remove the Transit Center C-3-0(SD) Commercial Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

If the new version is determined to have fiscal impact, the legislation will need to be referred to a fiscal committee before it can be referred to the full Board for approval.

Please send your determination or contact with me any questions at (415) 554-4445 or email: john.carroll@sfgov.org.

RESE	ONSE FROM THE BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE ANALYST - Date:
	This matter has fiscal impact.
	This matter does not have fiscal impact.
	Additional information attached.
	Budget and Legislative Analyst