LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code, Zoning Map - Establishing the Art and Design Educational Special Use District at 1111 Eighth Street]

Ordinance amending the San Francisco Planning Code by adding Section 249.66 and amending Section Map SU08 of the Zoning Map to: 1) establish the Art and Design Educational Special Use District at 1111 Eighth Street to facilitate the continued operation of the California College of the Arts and provide a regulatory scheme for a potential future phased expansion of the campus; and 2) making environmental findings, Planning Code Section 302 findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1.

Existing Law

Article 2, Section 249.1 et seq. of the San Francisco Planning Code establishes a number of Special Use Districts (SUDs), including SUDs for specific sites.

Amendments to Current Law

The proposed legislation will add a new section to Article 2 of the Planning Code and amend the San Francisco Zoning Map to establish an Art & Design Educational SUD for the California College of the Arts at 1111 Eighth Street. In this SUD, all provisions of the Planning Code currently applicable to the property within its boundaries will continue to apply except that: (1) post-secondary educational institutional uses are exempted from use size limitations and are permitted as of right and (2) post-secondary educational institutional uses for the purposes of academic, professional, business or fine-arts education are required to submit an institutional master plan for consideration by the Planning Commission under Planning Code Section 304.5. The Zoning Administrator is authorized to approve a temporary use for up to seven years without a public hearing, provided that the structure is occupied by a use either permitted as of right or authorized in the Planning Code section establishing the SUD.

Background Information

The California College of the Arts campus at 1111 Eighth Street is characterized by instruction in industrial arts and/or fine arts. The purpose of the Art & Design Educational SUD is to facilitate the continued operation of the College while providing an appropriate regulatory scheme for a potential phased expansion of the campus in the future.