

1 [Affirming the Exemption Determination - 601 Dolores Street]

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3 **Motion affirming the determination by the Planning Department that a project located at**
4 **601 Dolores Street is exempt from environmental review.**

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6 WHEREAS, The Planning Department has determined that a project located at 601
7 Dolores Street is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental
8 Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines, and San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter
9 31. The proposed project involves the conversion of an existing residential use in a former
10 church structure into middle-school class rooms and a multi-purpose assembly space and
11 associated interior and exterior changes to the building. By letter to the Clerk of the Board,
12 Jeffery Goldfarb and Elizabeth Erhardt of Rutan & Tucker, LLP, on behalf of J. Landon Gates
13 and Anne Timmer Gates, (Appellants) received by the Clerk's Office on May 9, 2012,
14 appealed the exemption determination. The Appellants provided a copy a Certificate of
15 Determination, Exemption From Environmental Review, issued by the Planning Department
16 on April 9, 2012, finding the proposed project exempt from environmental review under CEQA
17 Guidelines Class 32 (14 Cal. Code. Regs. §15332); and

18 WHEREAS, On June 19, 2012, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to
19 consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellants, and following the
20 public hearing affirmed the exemption determination; and

21 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board
22 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letters, the responses to
23 concerns document that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before
24 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to
25 the exemption determination appeal. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board

1 of Supervisors affirmed the exemption determination for the project based on the written
2 record before the Board of Supervisors as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in
3 support of and opposed to the appeal. The written record and oral testimony in support of and
4 opposed to the appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing
5 before the Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the
6 appeal of the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No.
7 _____ and is incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now
8 therefore be it

9 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
10 hereby adopts as its own and incorporates by reference in this motion, as though fully set
11 forth, the exemption determination; and be it

12 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that based on the whole
13 record before it there are no substantial project changes, no substantial changes in project
14 circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the
15 conclusions set forth in the exemption determination by the Planning Department that the
16 proposed project at its various locations is exempt from environmental review; and be it

17 FURTHER MOVED, That after carefully considering the appeal of the exemption
18 determination, including the written information submitted to the Board of Supervisors and the
19 public testimony presented to the Board of Supervisors at the hearing on the exemption
20 determination, this Board concludes that the project at its various locations qualifies for a
21 exemption determination under CEQA.

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