

May 14, 2013

Nick Elsner Senior Plan Checker DPW Street-Use & Mapping 1155 Market Street, 3rd Floor SF CA 94103

RE: 1410 Stanyan Street

Dear Mr. Elsner,

On behalf of my client, Kieran J. Woods, I would like to request a Major Encroachment for a driveway accessing the new house located at 1410 Stanyan Street from Clarendon Avenue. This encroachment would occupy a portion of the right-of-way of the unimproved portion of Stanyan Street between Clarendon Avenue and Mountain Spring Avenue.

We previously had designed the house with a driveway and this design was approved by the Planning Department. Subsequently, the design with the driveway was upheld by the Planning Commission by a 5-2 vote at a Discretionary Review hearing on February 17, 2005. We later encountered significant neighborhood objection to the driveway and the application was tabled by the Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors on January 18, 2006. We then decided to move forward without the driveway, changing access to the house by means of steps down from Mountain Spring Avenue instead of the driveway from Clarendon Avenue.

Since construction of the house was completed last year, we have conducted three neighborhood outreach meetings regarding the possibility of moving forward with the driveway. The stairs from Mountain Spring Avenue have not been built. In response to neighborhood input, we have reduced the size of the proposed driveway, decreased the height of the surrounding retaining walls and incorporated parklike landscaping around the proposed driveway. We are hopeful that with these changes we will be able to get a Major Encroachment permit for the driveway approved.

Thank you.

Mark Brand, AIA