

Yamasho LLC
dba Yamasho Restaurant and Karaoke Room
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San Francisco, CA 94109, 415-3462222

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Ms. Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board
Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Board of Supervisors and MS. Calvillo:

I, Shogo and Hiroko Yamada, the managing member and member of Yamasho LLC will not be able to personally attend the public hearing at 3:00 p.m. of 7/25/2017, Subject File No. 170642 to consider establishment of a property-based assessment district to be known as the Japantown Community Benefit District. (JCBD)


I would like to express my concern and opposition to the proposed property-based assessment district, JCBD for the following reasons:

1. I own Izumiya Restaurant in Kinokuniya Building in Japan Town. I will likely be assessed some extra special assessment for the 1) through 4) purposes because my landlord, Kinokuniya usually passes on extra assessment to its tenants.
2. 1161 Post Street is not part of Japan Town and Yamasho LLC actually belongs to another community. Please explain using a map which areas are covered for this special assessment or
3. are targeted to assess this special real property service fees. How many assessees are there?
4. If you still include 1161 Post Street in this special assessment district, I need to know whether the City Board of Supervisors will surely clean up the filthy streets that are special assessment will be imposed and what is your criteria to select certain owners of real property.
5. I need to know how many real property owners on Post Street between Polk and Van Ness and Polk Street between Post and Geary (especially in front of the Homeless Shelter).
6. My big concern is this special assessment as well as regular property taxes are determined based on the unrealized market value (until I sell the property.) In the recent weak economic conditions, all restaurants, except for the really high-end ones targeting on affluent clients, have been suffering economically.
7. My another concern is the percentage of Advocacy/Administration expenses to be paid out of the special assessment income. I need to know how much will be allocated for the Advocacy/Administration expenses.
8. It appears that certain owners of real property in Japan Town did not reinvest sufficiently to maintain the beauty of Japan Town. After years of negligence and benefiting good income from the property, passing on the neglected owners' responsibilities to the third parties is not fair.
9. Japanese translation is not readily available to fully understand this JCBD. If it is available, I want to receive future communication in Japanese.
10. It is not clear where to find the geographical zoning for the JCBD and the budgeting details on the websites: www.sfbos.org and www.sfgov.org/elections. Please provide the exact URL so that affected owners of real property could read more details.


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I appreciate your response to my concerns, questions, and opposition.

Regards



Shogo Yamada
Managing Member



Hiroko Yamada
Member