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July 17, 2017

#### VIA HAND DELIVERY AND EMAIL

President London Breed c/o Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Appeal of CEQA Categorical Exemption Determination Planning Case No. 2016-000017ENV
Building Permit Application No. 2016.01.27.8097
43 Everson Street ("Project Site")

Dear President Breed and Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

This letter is respectfully submitted on behalf of David Cowfer ("Appellant"), owner of the property located at 49 Everson Street. Appellant opposes the above-captioned Project, *inter alia*, on the grounds that the Project's Class 1 Categorical Exemption determination ("CatEx," Exh. A) violates California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines § 15301. (14 CCR § 15301).

Pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.16, Appellant hereby appeals the July 29, 2016 CatEx determination and the Planning Commission's June 15, 2017 approval of that determination.

The following documents are attached:

- 1. A copy of the CatEx determination dated July 29, 2016 ("Exhibit A");
- 2. A copy of the Meeting Minutes from the Planning Commission's June 15, 2017 meeting ("Exhibit B");

- 3. Declaration of David Cowfer in support of Discretionary Review, dated April 6, 2017; Declaration of Francis Lee in support of Discretionary Review, dated May 31, 2017; (altogether, "Exhibit C")
- 4. Declaration of Dave Hernandez in support of CatEx Appeal, dated July 14, 2017 ("Exhibit D");
- 5. An appeal authorization signed by David Cowfer.
- 6. A check in the amount of \$578 payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.

A copy of this letter of appeal will be concurrently submitted to the Environmental Review Officer.

I. The CatEx did not consider the Project Sponsor's removal of a dwelling unit from the Project Site or its excavation that exceeds the scope of the Permit.

The proposed Project calls for replacing a second dwelling unit at the Project Site and replacing it with a basketball court, gym, and sauna. (Exh. A at 1-2) The Project architect shows the second dwelling unit on the Project plans. (See Exh. C) Google Street View photos from November 2013 and July 2015 show two mailboxes at the property. (See Exh. D) Furthermore, Appellant presented declarations in support of his Discretionary Review application, signed under penalty of perjury, confirming that tenants lived in the second dwelling unit until the property was sold in 2015. (See Exh. C) The tenants vacated the second dwelling unit prior to the 2015 sale, and it was physically, but not legally, removed at some point after the current owner took possession of the property. (See Exh. C and Exh. D). However, the CatEx did not consider the Project Sponsor's removal of a second dwelling unit from the Project Site. (See Exh. A)

Additionally, the Project Sponsor has excavated within six feet of Everson Street, inside the front setback area, which is not authorized by the Permit.

II. The Board of Supervisors must reverse the exemption determination because the CatEx did not evaluate the "whole of the project" and identify additional discretionary reviews that are required for the Project.

The Project's CatEx must describe and evaluate the "whole of the project that will result from all discretionary approvals" and "identify any additional discretionary approvals that are required" at the time the exemption determination is issued. (S.F. Admin. Code § 31.08(e)(1)(B)) "A public agency may not divide a single project into smaller individual projects in order to avoid its responsibility to consider the environmental impacts of the project as a whole." (Sierra Club v. West Side Irr. Dist. (2005) 128 Cal.App.4th 690, 698) Lastly, where one activity is a reasonably foreseeable consequence of another activity . . . "both activities are integral parts of the same project." (Sierra Club v. West Side Irr. Dist. (2005) 128 Cal.App.4th 690, 698) Thus, the CatEx should have considered all integral Project activities that require discretionary approval from the City.

# A. The CatEx should be reversed because it did not consider the Project Sponsor's removal of a dwelling unit from the Project Site.

The Project Sponsor is removing a dwelling unit from the Project Site without seeking or obtaining approval for those actions. The Project Sponsor is required to obtain Conditional Use authorization from the Planning Commission to remove a residential dwelling unit. (S.F. Planning Code § 317(c)(1)-(2)) Therefore, the Project Sponsor's removal of the dwelling unit requires discretionary approval from the City.

Furthermore, the removal of the dwelling unit was an integral part of the Project Sponsor's conversion of the Project Site from a multi-family residence to a single-family residence with a personal recreation center. Thus, the CatEx did not consider the entirety of the Project that is being proposed for the Project Site or an additional discretionary approval that is required for the Project.

# B. The CatEx must be revoked because it did not consider the Project Sponsor's excavation that exceeds the scope of the Permit.

The Project Sponsor must obtain a permit from DBI and approval from the Planning Commission for any construction work in a front setback area. (S.F. Planning Code § 106A.1.13) In RH zoning districts, "any building or addition constructed, reconstructed or relocated on the subject property shall be set back to the average of the two adjacent front setbacks." (S.F. Planning Code § 132(a)) While the average front setback for the two lots adjacent to the Project Site is nine feet, the Project Sponsor has excavated to within six feet of Everson Street. Thus, the Project Sponsor has exceeded the scope of the work under the Permit. Consequently, the Project Sponsor must obtain a separate excavation permit from DBI and approval from Planning. As a result, the CatEx must be revoked.

## III. The Project May Have a Significant Effect on the Environment Due to Unusual Circumstances

A project may qualify for CEQA's Class 1 Categorical Exemption if it involves a "minor alteration of existing public or private structures, . . . involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." (14 CCR § 15301) "A categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances." (14 CCR § 15300.2(c)) "[A] party can show an unusual circumstance by showing that the project has some feature that distinguishes it from others in the exempt class." (Citizens for Environmental Responsibility v. State ex rel. 14th District Agricultural Association (2015) 242 Cal.App.4th 555, 576) "[A]n agency invoking a categorical exemption . . . must 'consider the issue of significant effects . . . in determining whether the project is exempt from CEQA where there is some

information or evidence in the record that the project might have a significant environmental effect." (Berkeley Hillside Preservation v. City of Berkeley (2015) 60 Cal.4th 1086, 1103) As stated herein, the Project involves significant alterations to the existing structure and a significant, unusual change in the structure's use from a two-family dwelling to a private gym. Thus, unusual circumstances are present because the Project is distinct from others under CEQA's Class 1 Categorical Exemption.

Given the Project's unusual circumstances, the CatEx should have considered the concerns in the record regarding significant light, air, and massing impacts. However, the CatEx did not consider those environmental impacts. Rather, the CatEx merely stated "there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances" without further discussion of whether the Project Sponsor's significant changes to the structure constitute unusual circumstances. (Exh. A at 3) Consequently, the Board of Supervisors must revoke the CatEx.

# IV. The CatEx must be revoked because the Project Sponsor has not demonstrated that the Project will not adversely affect the surrounding area's slope stability.

The Project is located in an area that may be subject to unusually significant geotechnical risks, including slope instability, drainage, and erosion as a result of excavation. Given that the Project's excavation exceeds the approved plans as identified in the CatEx, the CatEx has not considered the entirety of the Project and its significant cumulative impacts.

#### Conclusion

In conclusion, the Project is not lawfully eligible to receive a CatEx under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. The CatEx did not consider the "whole of the project" or analyze additional discretionary approvals that are required for the Project. Additionally, the CatEx did not consider the Project's significant environmental effects due to unusual circumstances.

Appellant reserves the right to submit additional written and oral comments, bases, and evidence in support of this appeal to the City up to and including the final hearing on this appeal and any and all subsequent permitting proceedings and approvals for the Project. Appellants request that this letter and exhibits be placed in and incorporated into the administrative record for Case No. 2016-000017ENV.

Appellant respectfully requests that the Board of Supervisors revoke the CatEx determination and require further environmental review pursuant to CEQA. If the CatEx determination is upheld, Appellant is prepared to file suit to enforce his and the public's rights.

Very truly yours,

ZACKS, FREEDMAN & PATTERSON, PC

Ryan J. Patterson

Attorneys for David Cowfer

cc: Environmental Review Officer San Francisco Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103 <u>Lisa.Gibson@sfgov.org</u>

Enclosures

I hereby authorize Zacks, Freedman & Patterson, PC, including but not limited to Ryan J. Patterson, to appeal the Categorical Exemption determination in Planning Case No. 2016-000017ENV (43 Everson Street, enclosed).

Signed,

David Cowfer

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### Certificate of Determination **Exemption from Environmental Review**

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415.558.6409

Planning Information: 415.558.6377

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot: 7542/024

5,127 square feet

Jennifer Butler, Rodgers Architecture Project Sponsor:

415-505-0763

Staff Contact: Heather Jones – (415) 575-6813

2016-000017ENV

43 Everson Street

**RH-1** Use District

Heather.jones@sfgov.org

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Case No.:

Zoning:

Lot Size:

Project Title:

The project site at 43 Everson Street is located in the Glen Park neighborhood on the south side of Everson Street between its terminus at Fairmont Plaza and Beacon Street. The proposed project would include horizontal and vertical additions to an existing three-story single-family home. The addition would increase the gross square footage of the residence from 5,364 square feet to approximately 6,780 square feet, Additionally, it would increase the height of the building from approximately 13 feet to approximately 30 feet measured from the Everson Street frontage.

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#### **EXEMPT STATUS:**

Categorical Exemption, Class 1 (California Environmental Quality Act | CEQA | Guidelines Section 15301).

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#### **DETERMINATION:**

I do hereby certify that the above determination has been made pursuant to State and local requirements.

Sarah B. Jones

**Environmental Review Officer** 

Virna Byrd, M.D.F.

Stephanie Cisneros, Preservation Planner

Jennifer Butler, Project Sponsor

Ella Samonsky, Current Planner

Supervisor Scott Weiner, District 8, (via Clerk of the Board)

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued):

The project would include the addition of the following on the existing ground floor: a basketball court and lounge, lockers, 1.5 bathrooms, and a sauna. On the existing second floor, the project would add a new guest room and bathroom, a living room, and a powder room. On the existing third floor, the project would include a remodeled entry, living area, dining area, kitchen, and half bathroom. The project would add a fourth story to the home, which would include a new master suite and recreation room. The project would also include new interior stairs, door, windows, as well as structural, mechanical, plumbing, and electrical improvements.

The project site is a 5,127-square-foot, rectangular lot with an approximately 30 percent grade. The front of the house is partially set into the hillside. Construction of the additions would entail approximately 270 cubic yards of excavation to a depth of approximately six feet below grade.

The surrounding neighborhood is characterized by one-to three-story single-family residences. Fairmont Plaza—a 0.74-acre San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department property is located approximately 140 feet to the east of the project site. The Everson and Digby Lots—a 1.2-acre San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department property—is located approximately 305 feet to the west of the project site.

#### **Project Approvals**

 Department of Building Inspection (DBI). Approval of site permit. Grading and building permits for the construction of the addition to the existing building.

Approval Action: The proposed project is subject to notification under Section 311 of the Planning Code. If discretionary review before the Planning Commission is requested, the discretionary review hearing is the Approval Action for this project. If no discretionary review is requested, the issuance of a building permit by the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) is the Approval Action. The Approval Action date establishes the start of the 30-day appeal period for this CEQA exemption determination pursuant to Section 31.04(h) of the San Francisco Administrative Code.

#### **EXEMPT STATUS (continued):**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(e)(1), or Class 1, provides an exemption from environmental review for additions to existing structures provided that the addition will not result in an increase of more than 50 percent of the floor area of the structure before the addition or 2,500 square feet, whichever is less. As stated above, the addition would increase the floor area of the existing structure by 1,416 square feet, or approximately 26 percent. Thus, construction of the proposed project at 43 Everson would qualify for this exemption.

#### **DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 establishes exceptions to the application of a categorical exemption for a project. None of the established exceptions applies to the proposed project.

Guidelines Section 15300.2, subdivision (a), provides that a categorical exemption shall not be used where the proposed project may have an impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern

where designated, precisely mapped, and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies. As discussed below under "Geology and Soils," "Archeological Resources," and "Biological Resources" there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment due to hazardous or critical concerns.

Guidelines Section 15300.2, subdivision (c), provides that a categorical exemption shall not be used for an activity where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances. As discussed below, there is no possibility of a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2, subdivision (f), provides that a categorical exemption shall not be used for a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. For the reasons discussed below under "Historic Architectural Resources," there is no possibility that the proposed project would have a significant effect on a historic resource.

#### **Environmental Topics.**

#### Geology and Soils:

A geotechnical report prepared for the project indicates that the project site is suitable for the proposed construction from a soil and foundation engineering standpoint, provided that the recommendations of the geotechnical report are incorporated into the project design.<sup>1</sup> The geotechnical report specifies recommendations regarding: site preparation and grading, excavation of bedrock, groundwater and site drainage, surface drainage, temporary shoring, foundations, floor and wall design, and seismic design. The project sponsor has agreed to incorporate the recommendations of the geotechnical report into the project.

The proposed project would be required to comply with the San Francisco Building Code, which ensures the safety of all new construction in the City. Decisions about appropriate foundation and structural design are considered as part of the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) permit review process. DBI would review background information including geotechnical and structural engineering reports to ensure that the security and stability of adjoining properties and the subject property is maintained during and following construction. For all of the above reasons, the project would not result in a significant impact related to seismic and geologic hazards.

#### Archeological Resources

The proposed project would include 270 cubic yards of excavation to a depth of six feet below grade. The Planning Department Staff Archeologist reviewed the proposed project and site history to evaluate the potential for encountering archeological resources and determined that no archeological resources are expected within the affected soils.<sup>2</sup> Therefore, the project would not result in a significant impact related to archeological resources.

Divis Consulting, Inc. Geotechnical Investigation Report and Geologic Hazard Study: 43 Everson, San Francisco, CA. February 18, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> San Francisco Planning Department, Preliminary Archeological Review for 43 Everson, Randall Dean, June 9, 2016.

#### Biological Resources

As described above, the project site is near two City-owned parks—Fairmont Plaza and the Everson and Digby Lots. According to San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, various bird species—including chestnut-back chickadees and migratory warblers<sup>3</sup> can be found in Fairmont Plaza.

To reduce the incidence of birds colliding with man-made structures, the San Francisco Planning Commission adopted Resolution 18406, which establishes policies concerning window treatment, lighting design, and wind generation for certain projects that may create hazards for birds. The San Francisco Planning Department's Standards for Bird-Safe Buildings (Planning Code Section 139) identify urban bird refuges—open spaces of two acres or more that are dominated by vegetation, open water, and green rooftops—as areas in which new construction or additions constitute location-related hazards to birds. The Planning Department has also extended the boundaries urban bird refuges to include adjacent private properties with identified thick tree canopy coverage.

If a project presents a location-related hazard to birds, the design must incorporate measures to reduce the incidence of bird collisions, such as bird-sate glazing, minimal lighting, and limiting the types of wind generators. The northern portion of the project site (front façade) is in an urban bird refuge, and thus the front façade of the project would create a location-related hazard. Because the project is a residential building less than 45 feet in height and less than 50 percent of the front façade is glass, the project would be exempt from the bird-safe glazing treatment requirement for location-related hazards. The project sponsor, however, would be subject to other applicable requirements, such as lighting design, set forth in Section 139 of the San Francisco Planning Code to protect bird species.

The project sponsor would comply with Section 139 of the Planning Code, and the proposed project would not affect any rare, threatened, or endangered species nor would it diminish habitat for protected species. Therefore, the project would not result in any significant impact to biological resources.

#### Historic Architectural Resources

Under CEQA Section 21084.1, a property may be considered a historic resource if it is "listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in, the California Register of Historical Resources" (CRHR). The CRHR stipulates that a property may be considered a historic resource if a historically significant (1) event, (2) person, or (3) architectural style is associated with the property, or (4) if there is potential to gather historically significant information from the site.

The project site is occupied by a three-story, split level, wood-framed, single-family house. Building permit records indicate that architect Albert R. Seyranian designed the existing structure for Walter F. Vendetti in 1965. Immediately after construction, Vendetti sold the house to Norman and Lorraine Impelman, who owned and occupied the home until 1992. The project sponsor retained Andy Rogers to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> San Francisco Department of Recreation and Parks website. <a href="http://sfrecpark.org/destination/fairmont-plaza/">http://sfrecpark.org/destination/fairmont-plaza/</a> Accessed June 30, 2016.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> San Francisco Planning Department. Standards for Bird-Safe Buildings, Adopted July 14, 2011. http://50.17.237.182/docs/Planning Provisions/Standards%20for%20Bird%20Safe%20Buildings-%208-11-11.pdf#page=29

prepare a Historic Resources Evaluation (HRE) of the subject property.<sup>5</sup> The Planning Department reviewed the HRE and provided a determination in a Historic Resource Evaluation Response (HRER).<sup>6</sup>

The HRER concurred. The subject property is not associated with any known historic events (Criterion 1). None of the owners or occupants have been identified as important to history (Criterion 2). The building is not a notable example of a type, period, or method of construction. The building is not the work of a master architect nor is it architecturally distinct (Criterion 3). The HRER concluded that the property was not eligible for listing due to any potential to gather historically significant information from the site (Criterion 4). The property is not located in an identified historic district and the surrounding neighborhood does not represent a collection of historically or aesthetically related building types. For the reasons listed above, the HRER concludes that subject property is not a historic resource and the proposed project would not result in a significant impact to any historic resources.

Conclusion. The proposed project satisfies the criteria for exemption under the above-cited classification. In addition, more of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15300.2 exceptions to the use of a categorical exemption applies to the proposed project. For the above reasons, the proposed project is appropriately exempt from environmental review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Andy Rogers, Historic Resource Evaluation, 43 Everson Street, San Francisco, CA, December 12, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> San Francisco Planning Department, Historic Resource Evaluation Response, 43 Everson, San Francisco, Stephanie Cisneros, February 26, 2016.



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

### PRESERVATION TEAM REVIEW FORM

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<sup>\*</sup> If No is selected for Historic Resource per CEQA, a signature from Senior Preservation Planner or Preservation Coordinator is required.

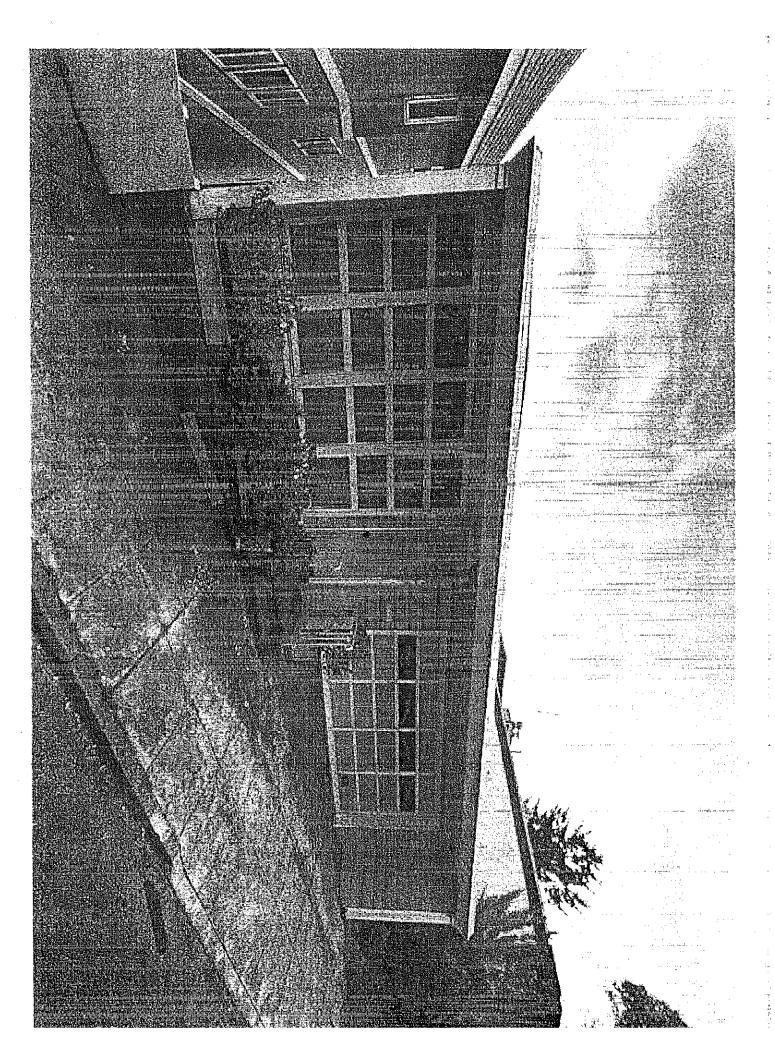
According to the Supplemental Information for Historic Resource Determination prepared by Andy Rogers (dated December 12, 2015) and information found in the Planning Department files, the subject property at 43 Everson Street contains a tri-level split house with garage and partial basement, wood-frame, single-family residence constructed in 1965 (source: building permit). The simple Modern residence was designed by architect Albert R. Seyranian for original owner Walter F. Vendetti, a manager at American Elevator Company, and his wife Nadine. The Vendetti's sold the property to Norman Impelman, a real estate professional, and his wife Lorraine immediately after construction. The Impelman's owned and occupied the property until 1992. Known alterations to the property include: replacing all exterior stucco with redwood siding (1981); reroofing (1991); and legalizing the existing ground floor 2 bedroom, family room and half bath and replacing old skylight with 3 new skylights (1994).

No known historic events occurred at the subject property (Criterion 1). None of the owners or occupants have been identified as important to history (Criterion 2). Although 43 Everson Street is located within the Diamond Heights Redevelopment area, it was constructed toward the end of the redevelopment era and was an individually commissioned property rather than a part of a builder- or architect-designed tract. As an individually commissioned property, the house exhibits typical details of simple vernacular Modern construction. The architect, Albert Seyranian, was commissioned for many projects in the East Bay, including the Lido Faire community development in Newark. However, neither is he considered to be a master architect of either San Francisco or the greater Bay Area nor is the subject property does not represent an important work of his. The building is not the work of a master architect and is not architecturally distinct such that it would qualify individually for listing in the California Register under Criterion 3.

The subject property is not located within the boundaries of any identified historic district. The subject property is located in the Glen Park/Diamond Heights neighborhood. The block generally consists of houses constructed in a Modern influence in the 1950s and 1960s. While some of the houses may be of individual significance, as a whole the block does not contain a sufficient cohesion of architecturally distinct or aesthetically related buildings. While sections of Diamond Heights may be eligible as a historic district, this block does not reflect the larger pattern of development in which developers and architects improved anywhere between 20 and 60 lots at a time.

Therefore, the subject property is not eligible for listing in the California Register under any criteria individually or as part of a historic district.





### **Planning Department**

### Planning Commission - June 15, 2017 - Minutes

Meeting Date:

Location: United States

# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION

### **Meeting Minutes**

Commission Chambers, Room 400 City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

> Thursday, June 15, 2017 12:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar, Moore COMMISSIONER ABSENT: Fong

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT HILLIS AT 12:12 P.M.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: John Rahaim – Planning Director, Jacob Bintliff, Don Lewis, Diana Livia, Andrew Perry, Christopher May, Laura Ajello, Ella Samonsky, Nancy Tran, Justin Horner, Rich Sucre, and Jonas P. Ionin – Commission Secretary

#### SPEAKER KEY:

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition to an item; and
  - = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition

#### A. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE

The Commission will consider a request for continuance to a later date. The Commission may choose to continue the item to the date proposed below, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

#### 1a. 2014-002181MAPPCA

(C. MAY: (415)575-

9087)

2670 GEARY BOULEVARD - Northwest corner of Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue; Lot 003 in Assessor's Block 1071 (District 2) — Establishment of the Geary-Masonic Special Use District [Board File 161109] - Planning Code and Zoning Map Amendments, adding Section 249.20 and amending Sheet SU03 of the of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the Geary-Masonic Special Use District in the area generally bounded by Geary Boulevard to the south, Masonic Avenue to the east, and Assessor's Block 1071 Lots 001 and 004 to the north and east, respectively; and 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 convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code Section 302. The application of the Geary-Masonic SUD development controls would preclude the application of the HOME-SF provisions pursuant to Planning Code Section 206.3.

Preliminary Recommendation: Pending

(Proposed for Continuance to July 13, 2017)

SPEAKERS:

None

**ACTION:** 

Continued to July 13, 2017

AYES:

Hillis, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson, Richards

#### 1b. 2014-002181CUA

(C. MAY: (415) 575-

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2670 GEARY BOULEVARD - northwest corner of Geary Boulevard and Masonic Avenue; Lot 003 in Assessor's Block 1071 (District 2) - Request for Conditional Use Authorization, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 121.1, 121.2, 271, and 303 to permit the development of an 8-story mixed-use building containing 99 residential dwelling units above 36 stacked parking spaces and 3,294 square feet of ground floor retail space within the NC-3 (Moderate-

Scale Neighborhood Commercial) District and an 80-D Height and Bulk District. This project is seeking development incentives in the form of increased dwelling unit density in exchange for providing a higher level of affordable housing than would otherwise be required pursuant to Planning Code 415 (the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program) by one of two means: either the application of drast legislation which would amend the Planning Code and Zoning Map of the City and County of San Francisco to establish the Geary-Masonic Special Use District (Board File 161109) or the application of the provisions of the HOME-SF Program. In order to facilitate the project under the IIOME-SF Program, Conditional Use Authorization pursuant to Planning Code Section 206.3 is required. The project is also requesting a modification to the rear yard requirements pursuant to Planning Code Section 134, and variances to the usable open space and dwelling unit exposure requirements pursuant to Planning Code Sections 135 and 140 which can be granted as zoning modifications by the Planning Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 206. Alternatively, these may be granted by the Zoning Administrator pursuant to Planning Code Section 305. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Preliminary Recommendation: Pending

(Proposed for Continuance to July 13, 2017)

SPEAKERS:

None

ACTION:

Continued to July 13, 2017

AYES:

Hillis, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson, Richards

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(D. VU: (415) 575-

9120)

1900 MISSION STREET - southwest corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Mission Streets, Lot 01 in Assessor's

Block 3554 (District 9) - Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit Application No. 2015.0708.0963, proposing to demolish the existing 1,690 sq. ft. automotive repair shop (dba Discount Auto Performance) and construct a 16,022 gross sq. ft., seven-story over basement, 75-feet tall mixed-use building that includes 805 sq. ft. of ground-floor commercial space, twelve dwelling units at all floors of the building, 1,370 sq. ft. of combined common and private open space and eighteen Class 1 bicycle parking spaces at the basement level within the Mission Street NCT (Neighborhood Commercial Transit) Zoning District and 80-B Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Preliminary Recommendation: Do Not Take Discretionary Review and Approve (Continued from Regular Meeting of April 13, 2017)

NOTE: On February 23, 2017, after hearing and closing public comment, the matter was continued to April 13, 2017 by a vote of +7 -0.

On April 13, 2017, without hearing, the matter was continued to June 15, 2017 by a vote of +7 -0.

(Proposed for Continuance to July 6, 2017)

SPEAKERS:

None

ACTION:

Continued to July 6, 2017

AYES:

Hillis, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson, Richards

#### B. COMMISSION MATTERS

#### 3. Consideration of Adoption:

Draft Minutes for June 1, 2017

SPEAKERS:

None

**ACTION:** 

Adopted

AYES:

Hillis, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson, Richards

#### Commission Comments/Questions

- <u>Inquiries/Announcements</u>. Without discussion, at this time Commissioners may make announcements or inquiries of staff regarding various matters of interest to the Commissioner(s).
- <u>Future Meetings/Agendas</u>. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Planning Commission.

#### Commissioner Moore:

There was an interesting article in yesterday's paper again. It needs perhaps qualification, but stated that the Uber and Lyft impact on San Francisco traffic is about 15 percent, that would ultimately require further detailed specification, why and how and where, but I thought the number itself was very interesting and quite alarming given that we are still working on the assumption that transit first is the policy by which we plan.

#### C. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

5. Director's Announcements

#### Director Rahaim:

Good afternoon Commissioners, just a couple of announcements today that I want to bring to your attention regarding Connect SF. Connect SF is the transportation vision program that we are managing with our partners at the MTA and the CTA. This is a multi-year effort looking at a 50-year land use transportation vision, I should say for the City, based on land use projections, based on a number of public meetings, and there's a short memo in your packet today about it, but the reason I bring up today first is two fold, one is the first of our task force meetings is next week. It is a very large task force that we've been working very hard on over the last few months to assemble. Commissioner Hillis and Johnson and Richards, excuse me - Commissioner Hillis and Richards are on that task force, and the first of those is next week. There will be a series of public meetings after that the second task force meeting in the fall. It will be - this effort is an important, kind of long term thinking about transportation and it will serve as a kind of guide for many of the other transportation planning efforts, such as

the update of the Transportation Element, the Subway Vision, the CTA 2050 Transportation Plan and so on. So, we are excited doing this work. It's the most involved that the Department have been in transportation for a long time and we believe it is important piece of work for the City to embark on. Secondly, I'd like to introduce you to our new manager of that program Doug Johnson. Doug joined us from many years at the MTC. Doug managed the Plan Bay Area Program for MTC, has a long history with transportation planning in the region and hit the ground running and is doing a great job in getting organized for next week's task force and as you see Peter Albert is in the audience. Peter held that position for the last few months in transition, and so, we thank Peter again for his many years of service and helping us through this transition. Thanks to Peter and welcome to Doug. That concludes my comments. Thank you.

6. Review of Past Events at the Board of Supervisors, Board of Appeals and Historic Preservation Commission

#### LAND USE COMMITTEE:

- 161351 Planning Code Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee and Dwelling Unit Mix Requirements. Sponsors: Breed; Kim, Peskin, Safai and Tang. Staff: Rodgers/Bintliff. Continued to June 19, 2017
- 1170434 Planning Code Construction of Accessory Dwelling Units. Sponsor: Peskin. Staff: Haddadan. Continued to June 26, 2017

#### FULL BOARD:

- 170203 Planning Code Article 7 Reorganization; Technical and Other Amendments. Sponsor: Mayor. Staff: Starr. Amended and Passed First Read
- 170204 Planning Code Deletion of Duplicate Definitions and Outdated Article 7 Zoning Control Tables. Sponsor: Mayor, Staff: Starr. Continued to June 20.

The Article 7 ordinance was slightly delayed. The ordinance had to be amended to incorporate changes to the planning code that were made by other recent amendments. At the BOS meeting, the Article 7 ordinance was amended with these clerical changes and passed its first read as an amended ordinance. It will receive its second read next week.

• 170131 Establishment of Compton's Transgender Cultural District. Sponsors: Kim, Peskin, Safai, and Sheehy. Staff: Frye. Adopted

#### INTRODUCTIONS:

No new introductions last week.

#### **BOARD OF APPEALS:**

No Report

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION:

No Report

#### D. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT – 15 MINUTES

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is

reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

SPEAKERS:

Laura Clark - Randy Shaw article

Gregory Santee - 1629 Market, unsanitary issues

#### E. REGULAR CALENDAR

The Commission Hearing Procedures provide for presentations by staff; followed by the project sponsor team; followed by public comment for and against the proposal. Please be advised that the project sponsor team includes: the sponsor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expediters, and/or other advisors.

#### 7. 2017-001061PCA-04

(J. BINTLIFF: (415) 575-

9170)

INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM ORDINANCE - Planning Code Amendment revising the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program. The Planning Commission considered two ordinances on April 27, 2017 [Board File No. 161351 Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee and Requirements and Board File No. 170208 Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee and Dwelling Unit Mix Requirements]. Since the Commission hearing, the Board of Supervisors made material modifications which are being referred back to the Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 302(d). The revised Ordinance [Board File No. 161351 v4 Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee and Dwelling Unit Mix Requirements] would amend the Planning Code to revise the amount of the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Fee and the On-Site and Off-Site Affordable Housing Alternatives and other Inclusionary Housing requirements; to require minimum dwelling unit mix in all residential districts; to establish dwelling unit minimum sizes; to establish a prohibition on studio units with prices set at 100% AMI or above; to replace or pay a fee for any affordable units that may be lost due to demolition or conversion; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval of a modified ordinance and make findings of consistency

SPEAKERS:

- = Annmarie Rodgers Introduction
- + Supervisor Safai Dwelling legislation
- = Jacob Bintliff Staff Report
- + Supervisor Kim Questions/Support
- + Todd David Economic feasibility parameter
- + Tes Welbourne Support
- + Peter Cohen Incrementally better
- = Sonja Transs Promoting big units
- + Steve Vettel Staff modifications
- = Traisa Flandrick All workforce, studios family housing

ACTION:

Adopted a Recommendation for Approval with Staff modifications as amended:

- 1. Eliminating Staff recommendation No. 4; and
- 2. Retain current Affordable Housing Fee requirements, pending further study.

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar,

NAYES:

Moore

ABSENT:

Fong

RESOLUTION: 19937

8. 2015-005848ENV

(D. LEWIS: (415) 575-

9168)

1629 MARKET STREET MIXED-USE PROJECT - south side of Market Street between Brady and 12<sup>th</sup> Streets; Lots 001, 007, 008, 027, 028, 029, 031, 031A, 032, 032A, 033, 033A, 034, and 035 in Assessor's Block 3505 - Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Report. The project would demolish the existing UA Local 38 building at 1621 Market Street and the majority of the Lesser Brothers Building, at 1629-1645 Market Street, rehabilitate the Civic Center Hotel at 1601 Market Street, and remove the existing on-site surface parking lots. The proposed project would construct five buildings including: a fourstory, 58-foot-tall UA Local 38 building; a 10-story, 85-foot-tall addition to the Lesser Brothers Building; a 10-story, 85-foot-tall mixed-use residential building with ground-floor retail; a nine-story, 85-foot-tall mixed-use residential building with ground-floor retail; and a six-story, 68-foot-tall affordable housing building on Colton Street. The five-story, 55-foottall Civic Center Hotel would be rehabilitated to contain residential units and ground-floor retail. Up to 316 parking spaces would be provided in a two-level below-grade garage accessed from Stevenson and Brady Streets. The project would create a publicly-accessible Brady Open Space as well as a publicly-accessible mid-block passage from the open space to Market Street. Overall, the project would include approximately 498,100 square feet of residential use containing 477 units, an additional 107 affordable units in the Colton Street Affordable Housing Building, 32,800 square feet of open space, 27,300 square feet of union facility use, and 13,000 square feet of ground-floor retail/restaurant use. The project site is located in the NCT-3 (Moderate Scale Neighborhood Commercial Transit District) and P (Public) zoning districts and the OS, 40-X, and 85-X height and bulk districts. The project would require a height re-classification from 40-X to 68-X for the Colton Street Affordable Housing parcel and Conditional Use/Planned Unit Development authorization to permit development of a large lot and large non-residential use, and to provide exceptions for driveway width, rear yard, dwelling unit exposure, active street frontage, loading, and measurement of height.

Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

NOTE: Written comments will be accepted at the Planning Department until 5:00 p.m. on June 26, 2017.

SPEAKERS:

= Don Lewis - Staff Report

- John Boujois - Inadequacies of the DEIR

- Gregory Santee - Horrible

+ Sonja Transs - Support

ACTION:

Reviewed and Commented

9. <u>2009.0159E</u>

(D. LIVIA: (415) 575-

8758)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Assessor's Block 0836, Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 - Certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report. The proposed project would include the demolition of all existing features on the site, including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant (All Star Café), a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-vehicle, surface, commercial parking lot; and the construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing 310 Dwelling Units; 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail; 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; construction of a public (or

"pedestrian") plaza and shared street on Oak Street, installation of wind canopies within the plaza and one canopy within the sidewalk on the southeast corner of Market and Polk Streets to reduce pedestrian-level winds, the enclosure of the existing MUNI elevator on the site, 370 bicycle parking spaces (310 Class 1, 60 Class 2) and up to 136 underground vehicle parking spaces.

Preliminary Recommendation: Certify the Final EIR

NOTE: The public hearing on the Draft EIR is closed. The public comment period for the Draft EIR ended on January 10, 2017. Public comment will be received when the item is called during the hearing. However, comments submitted may not be included in the Final EIR.

SPEAKERS: = Diane Lyvia – EP presentation

= Andrew Perry – Staff Report

- + Theresa Yonga MOMCD presentation
- + Michael Yarne Project presentation
- + Tes Welbourn Parking ratio per Market-Octavia Plan
- + Adrian Simi, Local Carpenters 22 Support
- = Robert Anderson Parking
- = Catherin Roberts Parking
- = Tom Radulovich Parking, density
- = Karen Fishkin Wind
- = Tony Robles Wind
- + Denise Lawson Wind, art studio space
- = Jim Worshell Parking
- + Allison Snowpecke Support
- + Speaker Support, Civic Design Review Committee
- + Sylvia Lee Affordable artist space
- + Todd David Parking, consensus
- = Gail Bah- Parking
- = Marlene Morgan Parking
- + Nina Rizzo Trip reductions
- + Jim Haas Private project funding capital improvements
- = Pamela Duffy SF Jazz support
- + Kay Cummings Parking
- + Ted Olson Support

ACTION:

Certified

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong

MOTION:

19938

10a. <u>2009.0159E</u>

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

9017)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. The proposal requests Planning Commission consideration of Adoption of CEQA Findings under the California Environmental Quality Act; for a Project that includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground

floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt CEQA Findings

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Adopted CEQA Findings

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Melgar, Moore

NAYES: ABSENT: Koppel

MOTION:

Fong 19939

#### 10b. <u>2009.0159K</u>

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

9017)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. The proposal requests Planning Commission consideration of a **Shadow Determination** that project shadow would not adversely affect use of public open space under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission (Section 295). The Project includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces. These actions constitute the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt Shadow Findings

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Adopted Shadow Findings

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Melgar, Moore

NAYES:

Koppel

ABSENT:

Fong

MOTION:

19940

10c. 2009.0159GPA

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

9017)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. **General Plan Amendment** that revises the height designation for 668 square feet of Assessor's Block 0836, Lot 001 from 400' tower/120' podium to 120' and 668 square feet of Block 0836, Lot 005 from 120' to 400' tower/120' podium on Map 3 of the Market and Octavia Area Plan; and the height designation from 150-S to 120-R-2 for 668 square feet of Lot 001 and from 120-F to 120/400-R-2 for 668 square feet of Lot 005, on Map 5 of the Downtown Area Plan. The

Project includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Adopted a Recommendation for Approval

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Melgar, Moore

NAYES:

Koppel Fong

ABSENT: F RESOLUTION:

19941

#### 10d. <u>2009.0159MAP</u>

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

9017)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. Zoning Map Amendment to Sheet HT07 of the San Francisco Planning Code to reclassify the height and bulk of the a portion of Block 0836, Lot 001 from 120/400-R-2 to 120-R-2, and Block 0836, Lot 005 from 120-R-2 to 120/400-R-2. The Project includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Adopted a Recommendation for Approval

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Melgar, Moore

NAYES:

Koppel

ABSENT:

Fong

RESOLUTION:

19942

10e. <u>2009.0159DNX</u>

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

9017)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. The proposal requests Planning

Commission consideration of a **Downtown Project Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Section 309, with exceptions to the requirements for "Reduction of Ground-Level Wind Currents in C-3 Districts" (Section 148) and Lot Coverage (Section 249.33, 134). The Project includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces. *Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions* 

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Approved with Conditions

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Melgar, Moorc

NAYES:

Koppel

ABSENT: MOTION:

Fong 19943

10f. 2009.0159CUA

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

9017)

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. The proposal requests Planning Commission consideration of a Conditional Use Authorization to provide a parking ratio of up to 0.45 parking spaces per dwelling unit (Section 151). The Project includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces.

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Approved with Conditions as amended to require a reduced parking ratio,

if the project becomes rental

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Johnson, Melgar, Moore

NAYES:

Koppel

ABSENT:

Fong

MOTION:

19944

10g.

2009.0159VAR

9017)

(A. PERRY: (415) 575-

1500-1540 MARKET STREET (AKA ONE OAK STREET) PROJECT - north side of Market Street, bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the east and Oak Street on the north; Lots 001, 002, 003, 004, 005 in Assessor's Block 0836. The proposal requests Zoning Administrator consideration of Variance requests from Dwelling Unit Exposure requirements (Section 140) and Active Frontages (Section 145), and Elevator Height Exemption Waiver pursuant to Section 260(b)(1)(B). The Project includes the demolition of two existing structures including a 3-story, 2,750 square foot commercial office building containing a limited restaurant doing business as "All Star Café", a 4-story, 48,225 square foot commercial office building and a 47-car surface commercial parking lot; and the new construction of a 40-story, 400-foot-tall residential tower (plus 20-foot parapet and 26-foot elevator penthouse) containing approximately 304 Dwelling Units; approximately 4,110 square feet of ground floor retail, approximately 11,056 square feet of private, common and publicly-accessible open space; 366 bicycle parking spaces (304 Class 1, 62 Class 2) and up to 136 underground parking spaces.

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 9.

ACTION:

Assistant ZA closed the public hearing and indicated an intent to

Grant

#### 11a. 2013.1037C

(C. MAY: (415) 575-

9087)

650 DIVISADERO STREET - southeast corner of Divisadero and Grove Streets; Lot 002B in Assessor's Block 1202 (District 5) - Request for Conditional Use Authorization pursuant to Planning Code Sections 121.1, 271, 303, 746.10 and 746.11 to permit the development of a 6-story mixed-use building containing 66 residential dwelling units above 26 ground floor parking spaces and 3,528 square feet of commercial uses within the Divisadero Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit (NCT) District, the Fringe Financial Services Restricted Use District and 65-A Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions (Continued from Regular Hearing of April 6, 2017)

SPEAKERS:

Jen - 650 Divisadero continuance

ACTION:

Continued to September 28, 2017

AYES:

Hillis, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson, Richards

#### 11b. <u>2013.1037V</u>

(C. MAY: (415) 575-

9087)

650 DIVISADERO STREET - southeast corner of Divisadero and Grove Streets; Lot 002B in Assessor's Block 1202 (District 5) - Request for Rear Yard Modification pursuant to

Planning Code Section 134 to permit the development of a 6-story mixed-use building containing 66 residential dwelling units above 26 ground floor parking spaces and 3,528 square feet of commercial uses within the Divisadero Street Neighborhood Commercial Transit (NCT) District, the Fringe Financial Services Restricted Use District and 65-A Height and Bulk District.

(Continued from Regular Meeting of April 6, 2017)

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 11a.

ACTION:

Acting ZA Continued to September 28, 2017

#### F. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW CALENDAR

The Commission Discretionary Review Hearing Procedures provide for presentations by staff; followed by the DR requestor team; followed by public comment opposed to the project; followed by the project sponsor team; followed by public comment in support of the project. Please be advised that the DR requestor and project sponsor teams include: the DR requestor and sponsor or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expediters, and/or other advisors.

#### 12. 2014-000599DRM

(L. AJELLO: (415) 575-

9142)

1228 FUNSTON AVENUE - east side between Lincoln Way and Irving Street, Lot 039 in Assessor's Block 1738, (District 5) **Staff-Initiated Discretionary Review**, pursuant to Planning Code Section 311(c)(1), of Building Permit Application No. 2014.02.06.7948, proposing to legalize alterations completed without permit, including demolition of a 20' by 25' detached building located in the rear yard, a three-story horizontal addition, deck and spiral stair at the rear of the house and front façade/window changes to a three-story single-family house within a RH-2 (Residential, House, Two-Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Staff Analysis: Full Discretionary Review

Preliminary Recommendation: Take Discretionary Review and Approve with Modifications

SPEAKERS:

= Laura Ajello - Staff Report

+ Elena Estudias – Project presentation + Dave Irwin – Project presentation

+ Rodrigo Santos - Project presentation

+ Gary Teele - Support

+ Henry Karnilowicz - Support

ACTION:

Took DR and Approved with Staff Modifications

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Koppel, Moore

RECUSED:

Melgar

ABSENT: DRA No:

Fong, Johnson 0532

#### 13a. 2016-010343DRP

(S. JIMENEZ: (415) 575-

9187)

<u>2523 STEINER STREET</u> - west side of Steiner Street between Jackson Street and Pacific Avenue; Lot 001A in Assessor's Block 0586 (District 2) - Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit Application No. 2016.08.08.4423, proposing to construct a rear horizontal

addition on the third and fourth floors and a front horizontal addition on the fourth floor of the existing four-story, single family residence within a RH-1 (Residential-House, One Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Staff Analysis: Full Discretionary Review

Preliminary Recommendation: Do not take Discretionary Review and Approve

SPEAKERS:

- = Elizabeth Watty Staff Report
- Kirk DeNiro DR presentation
- Greg Scott Opposition
- Zack Chen Site plan inaccuracies
- Luanne Lee Opposition
- Speaker Opposition, sunlight
- Grant Johnston Decks, views, sunlight
- Speaker Privacy, views
- Speaker Privacy, light, and air
- Brie Bachner Opposition
- Phil Lemont Opposition
- Glen Hickerson Opposition
- John Smith Decks
- Kyle Rindhal Disregard for the neigbors
- + Jonathan Sponsor presentation
- + Louis Buttler Design presentation
- + Dr. Eugene Spencer Support

ACTION:

Took DR and Disapproved

AYES:

Richards, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

NAYES:

Hillis

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson

DRA No:

0533

#### 13b. <u>2016-010343VAR</u>

(S. JIMENEZ: (415) 575-

9187)

2523 STEINER STREET - west side of Steiner Street between Jackson Street and Pacific Avenue; Lot 001A in Assessor's Block 0586 (District 2) - Request for Variance from rear yard requirements of Section 134. Specifically, the subject property is required to maintain a rear yard of 15 feet. Currently, the existing building encroaches entirely into the required rear yard to the rear property line at the ground and second floors. The proposed rear horizontal addition at the third and fourth floors would encroach approximately 9 feet 6 inches into the required rear yard at the third level and 6 feet 6 inches at the fourth level. The site is within a RH-1 (Residential-House, One Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.

SPEAKERS:

Same as Item 13a.

ACTION:

Assistant ZA closed the public hearing and took the matter under

advisement

#### 14. <u>2016-000017DRP</u>

9112)

(E. SAMONSKY: (415) 575-

43 EVERSON STREET - south side approximately 150 feet east of the intersection with Beacon Street, Lot 024 in Assessor's Block 7542, (District 8) - Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit Application No. 2016.01.27.8097 proposing construction of a

three-story horizontal rear addition and remodel the front facade and interior of a single family dwelling within a RH-1 (Residential House, One-Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Staff Analysis: Abbreviated Discretionary Review

Preliminary Recommendation: Do Not Take Discretionary Review and Approve

(Continued from Regular Meeting of June 1, 2017)

NOTE: On April 6, 2017, after hearing and closing public comment, the item was continued to May 18, 2017 by a vote of +6 -1 (Johnson against).

On May 18, 2017, without hearing, Continued to June 1, 2017 by a vote of +6 -0 (Johnson absent).

SPEAKERS: = Elizabeth Watty – Staff Report

David Kelper – DR presentation
Ryan Patterson – DU removal
Andy Rogers – Project presentation

+ Mark Brennan - Support

ACTION:

Took DR and Approved with Modifications

AYES:

Hillis, Richards, Koppel, Melgar

NAYES:

Moore

ABSENT: DRA No: Fong, Johnson 0534

#### 15. <u>2015-003686DRP-07</u>

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TRAN: (415) 575-9174)

437 HOFFMAN AVENUE - east side of Hoffman Avenue, between 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets, Lot 024 in Assessor's Block 6503 (District 8) - Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit Application No. 2014.04.11.3029, proposing to construct additions to the existing single-family residence and increase the dwelling count from one to two units. The project includes extensive interior remodeling and exterior changes such as lifting the building to install a two car garage, front porch, entry stairs and rear terraces within a RH-2 (Residential House, Two-Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

Staff Analysis: Full Discretionary Review

Preliminary Recommendation: Do not take Discretionary Review and Approve

SPEAKERS:

None

ACTION:

Continued to September 14, 2017

AYES:

Hillis, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

ABSENT:

Fong, Johnson, Richards

#### 5:00 p.m.

Items listed here may not be considered prior to the time indicated above. It is provided as a courtesy to limit unnecessary wait times. Generally, the Commission adheres to the order of the Agenda. Therefore, the following item(s) will be considered at or after the time indicated.

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3516-26 FOLSOM STREET - west side of Folsom Street between Chapman Street and Bernal Heights Boulevard; Block 5626, Lots 013, 014 (District 9) - Appeal of Preliminary

# **EXHIBIT C**

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#### SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION

#### DECLARATION OF DAVID COWFER

Discretionary Review Application Project Address: 43 Everson Street Case No. 2016-000017DRP

#### I, David Cowfer, declare as follows:

- Unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein 1. and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- I have lived at 49 Everson Street, San Francisco, California since November 2. 2005. I am familiar with the property commonly known as 43 Everson Street, San Francisco, California (the "Property").
- The Property has contained two residential dwelling units for as long as I have lived next door. The second unit was located downstairs.
- The first unit was occupied by the Louie family for as long as I lived at 49 4. Everson Street.
- 5. The second unit, downstairs, was continuously occupied by various long-term tenants from 2005 until the Property was cleared out for sale (to the current owner) in late 2015.
- 6. The second unit at the Property included a full kitchen (including a gas stove) and a full bathroom (including a bath tub and shower). I personally saw the kitchen and bathroom during the Property's open house, prior to sale in 2015.

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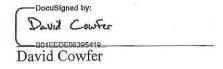
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7.	The photographs attached hereto as Exhibit A accurately show the downstairs
unit, includ	ing the kitchen and bathroom. I am informed and believe that these photos were
taken in lat	e 2015 and used in listing the Property for sale.

- The second unit at the Property was used as a separate and distinct living or 8. sleeping space independent from any other residential unit on the same property. It had independent access (from external stairs at the west side, between my house and the Property) that did not require entering another residential unit on the property, and there was no open, visual connection to another residential unit on the property. There were no stairs connecting the upstairs unit with the second unit.
- The second unit had its own mailbox. A true and correct copy of a photograph of 9. the mailbox from Google Maps Streetview is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- The second unit as well as the upstairs unit was completely removed by the 10. current owner in 2016. Attached as Exhibit B is a true and correct copy of photographs taken in 2017 showing the current condition of the Property.
- The Property's listing description on Zillow.com states the following: "This 11. fabulous home offers 6 bedrooms, 3.5 bathrooms . . . . Additional Guest Quarters with separate entrance." (https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/43-Everson-St-San-Francisco-CA-94131/15200247 zpid/ (emphasis added).)
- A true and correct copy of architectural renderings/plans of the upstairs unit and 12. second unit are attached as Exhibit C. I am informed and believe that these were used in listing the Property for sale. (https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/43-Everson-St-San-Francisco-CA-94131/15200247 zpid/)

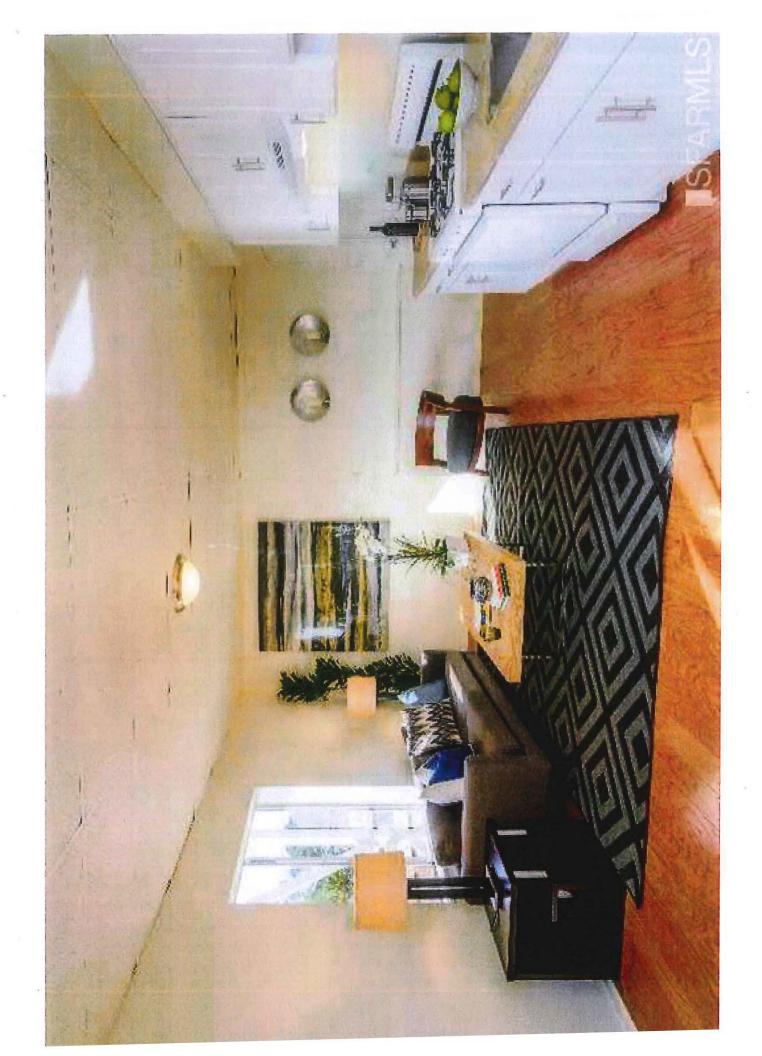
I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

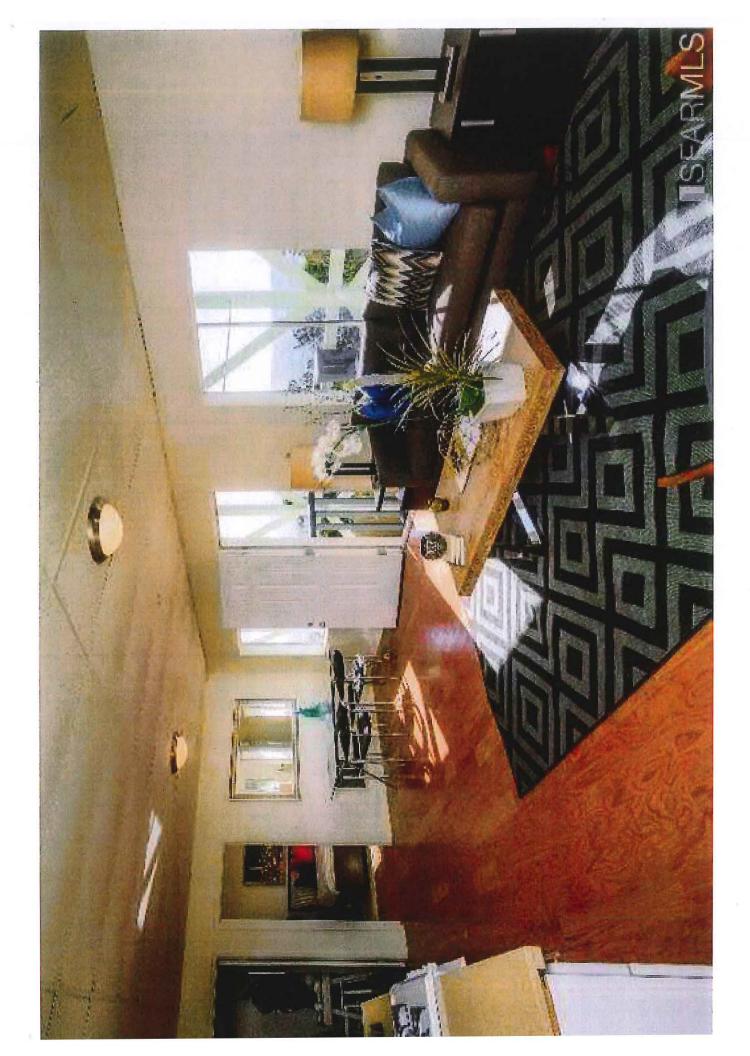
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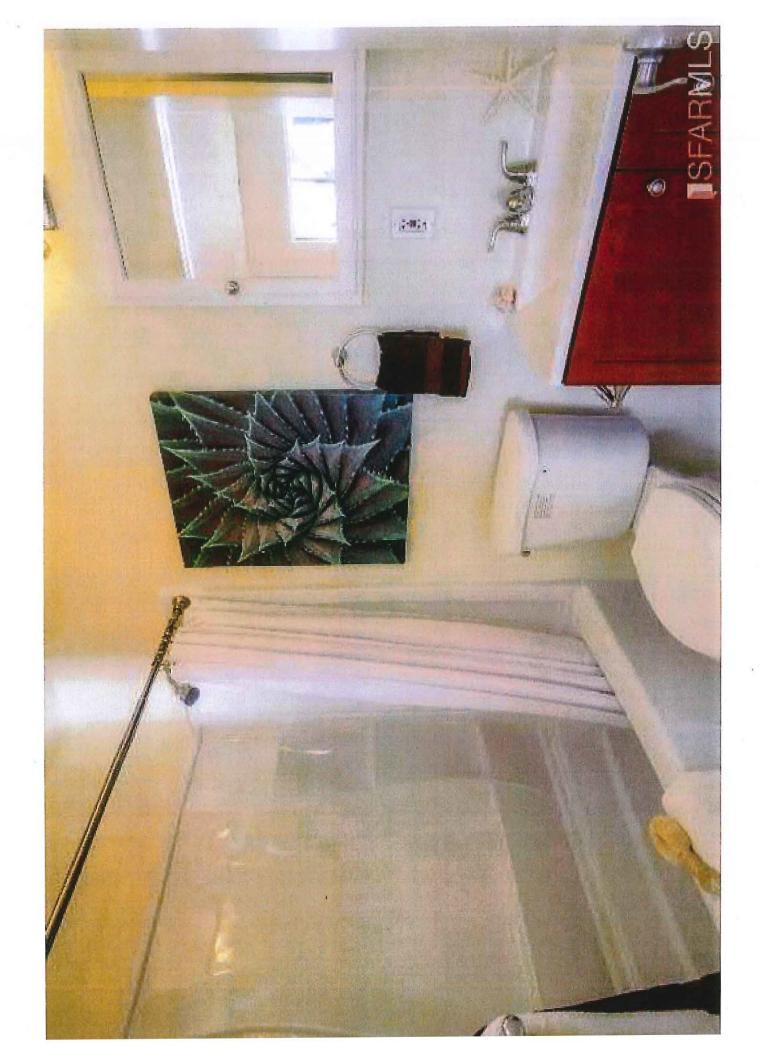


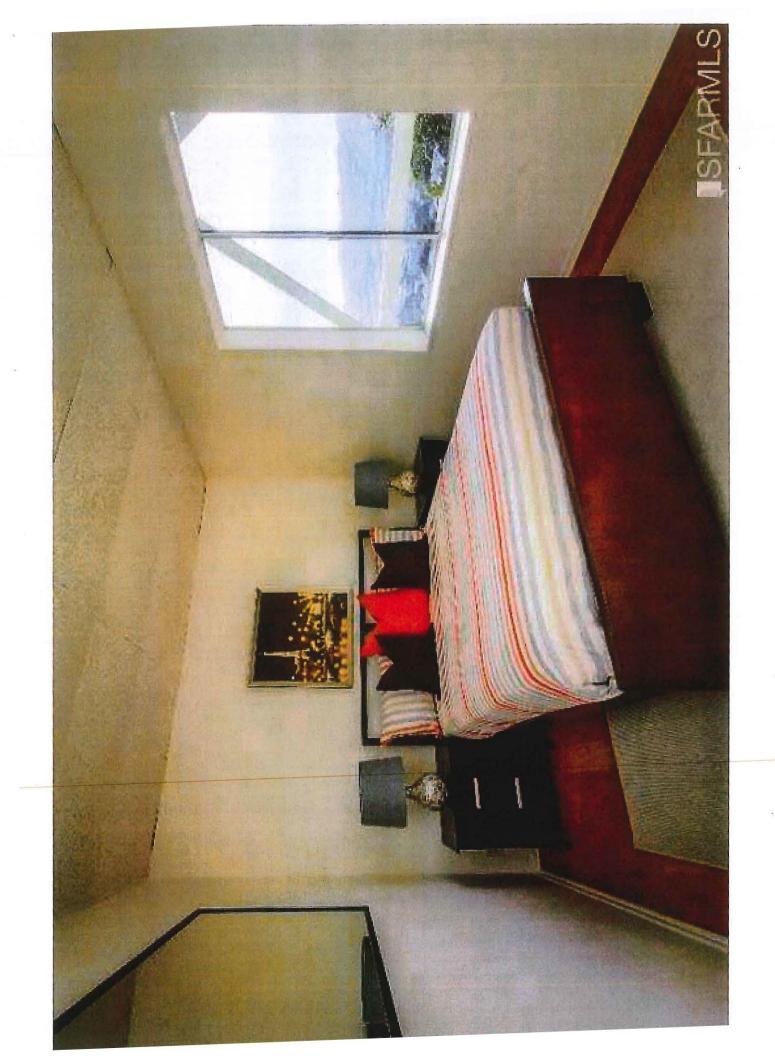
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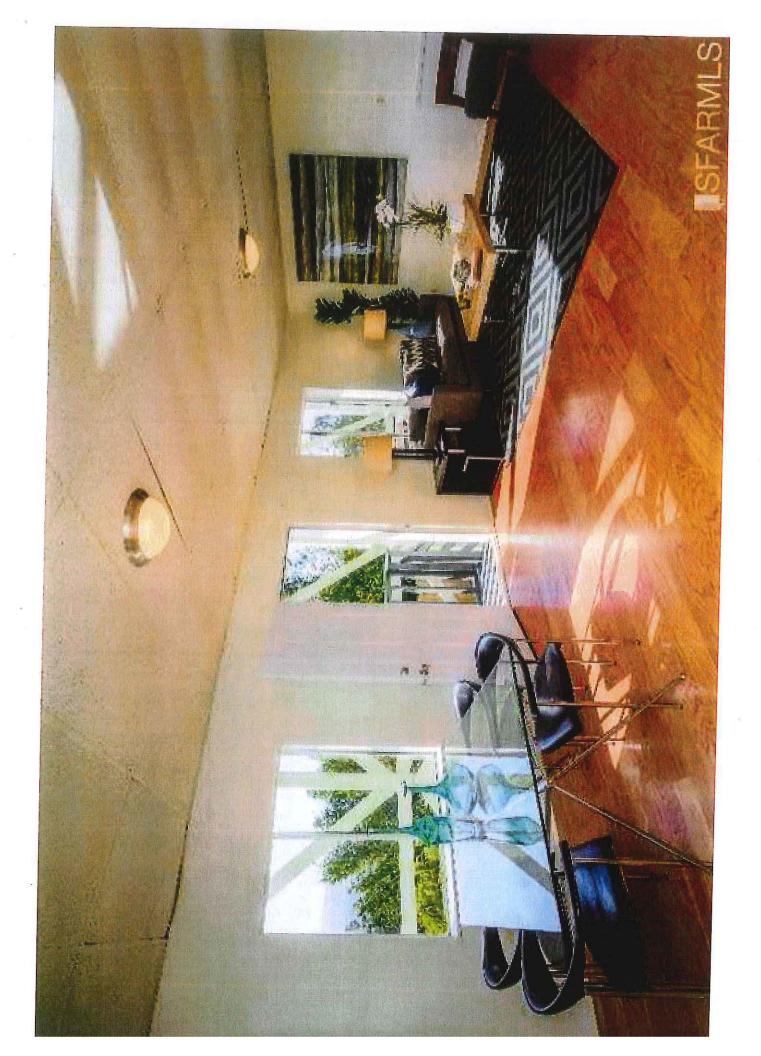




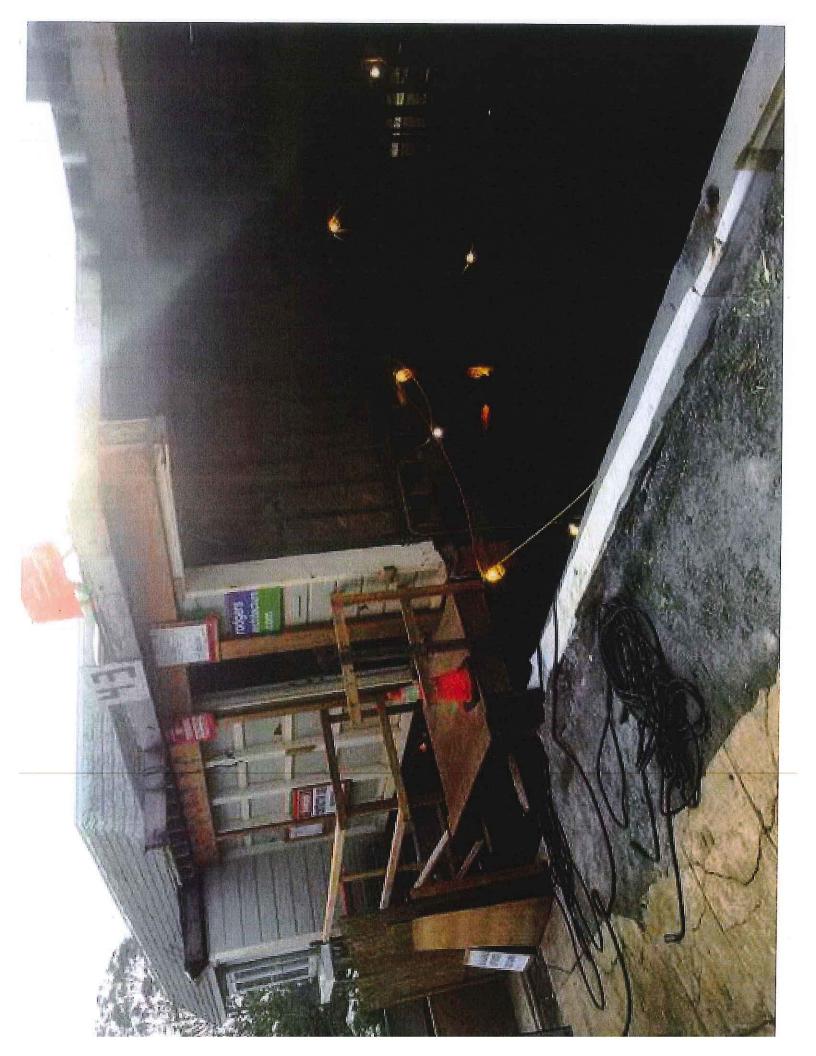


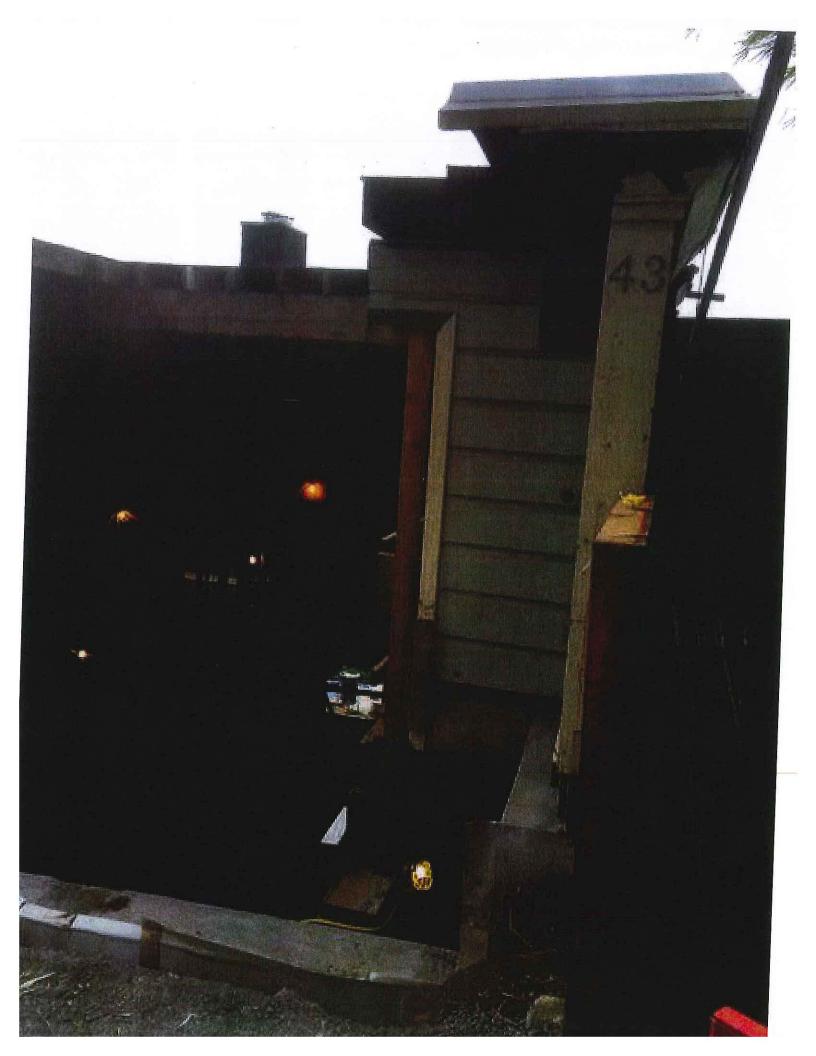






## **EXHIBIT B**





# EXHIBIT C

### **43 EVERSON STREET**





MAIN FLOOR

LOWER FLOOR



**GUEST QUARTERS** 

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- Most recently, the second unit was occupied by a tenant named Mason and his family from approximately 2012 until the Property was cleared out for sale in late 2015.
- I am informed and believe that the second unit at the Property was used as a 7. separate and distinct living or sleeping space independent from any other residential unit on the same property. It had independent access (from external stairs at the west side, between 49 Everson Street and the Property) that did not require entering another residential unit on the property, and there was no open, visual connection to another residential unit on the property. There were no stairs connecting the upstairs unit with the second unit.
- The second unit as well as the upstairs unit was completely removed by the current owner in 2016.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: May 31, 2017

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9	DECLARATION OF DAVE HERNANDEZ			
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11	Project Address: 43 Everson Street Case No. 2016-000017DRP			
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14	I, Dave Hernandez, declare as follows:			
15	Unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated hercin			
16	and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.			
17	2. I lived at 49 Everson Street, San Francisco, California from approximately 2007			
18	until approximately 2011. I am familiar with the property commonly known as 43 Everson			
19 20	Street, San Francisco, California (the "Property").			
21	3. The Property contained two residential dwelling units for as long as I lived next			
22	door. The second unit was located downstairs.			
23	4. The first unit was occupied by the Louie family for as long as I lived at 49			
24	Everson Street.			
25	5. The second unit, downstairs, was continuously occupied by various long-term			
26	tenants while I lived next door (approximately 2007 until 2011, when I moved away). I was an			
27	avid gardener and often saw the downstairs tenants coming and going from the second unit as I			
28	watered the plants at 49 Everson Street.			

6.	The second unit had its own mailbox, located on the outside of the gate at the
west side of th	ne Property.

- In particular, I remember that the second unit was occupied by a tenant named 7. Mason and his family when I lived next door.
- I am informed and believe that the second unit at the Property was used as a 8. separate and distinct living or sleeping space independent from any other residential unit on the same Property. It had independent access (from external stairs at the west side, between 49 Everson Street and the Property) that did not require entering another residential unit on the Property, and there was no open, visual connection to another residential unit on the Property. There were no stairs connecting the upstairs unit with the second unit.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

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#### DECLARATION OF DAVE HERNANDEZ

Project Address: 43 Everson Street Case No. 2016-000017DRP

#### I, Dave Hernandez, declare as follows:

- Unless otherwise stated, I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein 1. and, if called as a witness, could and would testify competently thereto.
- I lived at 49 Everson Street, San Francisco, California from approximately 2007 2. until approximately 2011. I am familiar with the property commonly known as 43 Everson Street, San Francisco, California (the "Property").
- The Property contained two residential dwelling units for as long as I lived next 3. door. The second unit was located downstairs.
- The first unit was occupied by the Louie family for as long as I lived at 49 4. Everson Street.
- The second unit, downstairs, was continuously occupied by various long-term 5. tenants while I lived next door (approximately 2007 until 2011, when I moved away). I was an avid gardener and often saw the downstairs tenants coming and going from the second unit as I watered the plants at 49 Everson Street.

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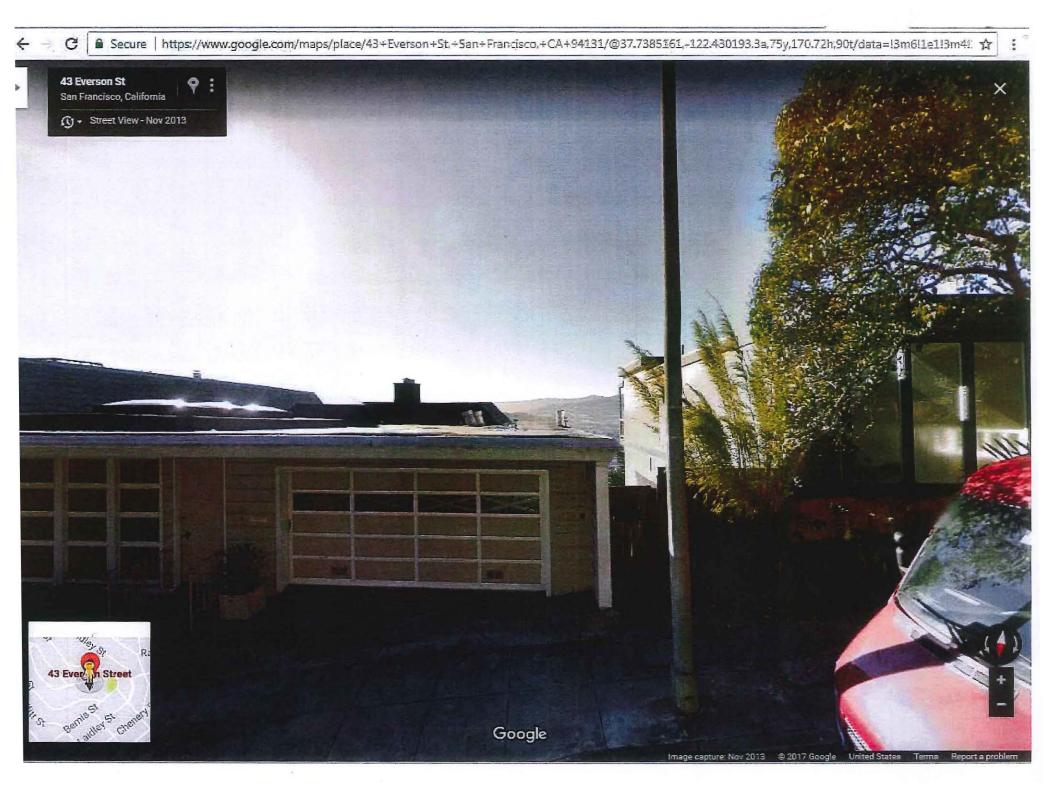
6.	The second unit had its own mailbox, located on the outside of the gate at the
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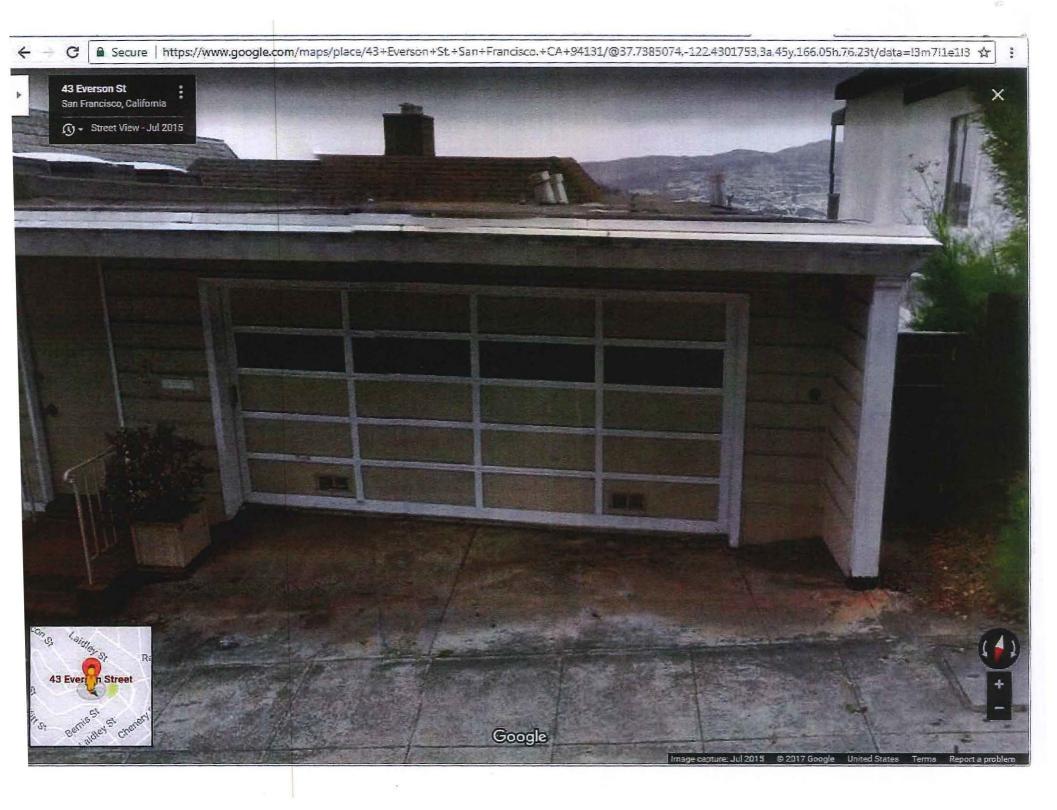
- 7. In particular, I remember that the second unit was occupied by a tenant named Mason and his family when I lived next door.
- 8. I am informed and believe that the second unit at the Property was used as a separate and distinct living or sleeping space independent from any other residential unit on the same Property. It had independent access (from external stairs at the west side, between 49 Everson Street and the Property) that did not require entering another residential unit on the Property, and there was no open, visual connection to another residential unit on the Property. There were no stairs connecting the upstairs unit with the second unit.

I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 4, 2017

Dave Hernandez





#### 43 Everson St



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San Francisco, California Street View - Jul 2015

