

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Certificate of Determination EXEMPTION FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

1650 Mission St. Suite 400 San Francisco. CA 94103-2479

Reception: 415.558.6378

415.558.6409

Planning Information:

415.558.6377

Case No .:

2013.0744E

Project Address:

131 Missouri Street

Zoning:

UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot:

3985/024

Lot Size:

7,500 square feet

Plan Area:

Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan

Project Sponsor:

Aaron Schlechter, Middle of the Hill, LLC - (415) 988-1080

Staff Contact:

Sandy Ngan - (415) 575-9102

Sandy.Ngan@sfgov.org

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

131 Missouri Street (Assessor's Block 3985, Lot 024) is located on the east side of Missouri Street between 17th Street and Mariposa Street in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood. The parcel is approximately 7,500 square feet in size and is located in a UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. The project site is currently occupied by a 4,500 square-foot, two-story, vacant warehouse building on the southern portion of the lot. A driveway with a chain link fence is located on the northern portion of the lot.

(Continued on next page)

EXEMPT STATUS

Exempt per Section 15183 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines and California Public Resources Code Section 21083.3

DETERMINATION

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

Environmental Review Officer

April 21, 2015

cc: Aaron Schlechter, Project Sponsor Supervisor Malia Cohen, District 10 Brittany Bendix, Current Planner

Virna Byrd, M.D.F Exemption/Exclusion File Distribution List

Community Plan Exemption Checklist

1650 Mission St. Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Reception: 415.558.6378

Fax:

415.558.6409

Planning Information: 415.558.6377

Case No.:

2013.0744E

Project Address:

131 Missouri Street

Zoning:

UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District

40-X Height and Bulk District

Block/Lot:

3985/024

Lot Size:

7,500 square feet

Plan Area:

Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan (Showplace Square/Potrero Hill)

Project Sponsor:

Aaron Schlechter, Middle of the Hill, LLC – (415) 988-1080

Staff Contact:

Sandy Ngan - (415) 575-9102

Sandy.Ngan@sfgov.org

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

131 Missouri Street (Assessor's Block 3985, Lot 024) is located on the east side of Missouri Street between 17th Street and Mariposa Street in San Francisco's Potrero Hill neighborhood (see Figure 1. Project Location). The parcel is approximately 7,500 square feet in size and is located in a UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. The project site is currently occupied by a 4,500 square-foot, two-story, vacant warehouse building on the southern portion of the lot. A driveway with a chain link fence is located on the northern portion of the lot.

The proposed project would demolish the existing on-site vacant warehouse building and construct a four-story, 40-foot-tall (excluding the 16-foot-tall elevator penthouse above the structural roof), approximately 21,155 square-foot residential building. The residential building would have 15,130 square feet of residential use, 4,560 square feet of parking use, and 1,465 square feet of common/stairs/entry use to accommodate a garage on the ground-floor level, nine two-bedroom units on the ground through fourth-floor levels, and an approximately 475 square-foot common deck on the roof. The ground-floor garage, accessed via Missouri Street, would accommodate nine off-street parking spaces (including one ADA van accessible space) and nine Class I bicycle parking spaces. The building would include a four-foot-tall parapet, a 16-foot-tall elevator penthouse, and a 10-foot-tall stair penthouse above the 40-foot-tall structural roof (56-foot-tall at the top of the penthouses). The proposed project at 131 Missouri Street would involve approximately three feet of below ground surface excavation and approximately 600 cubic yards of soil disturbance. Figures 2 through 4 show the existing site plan, proposed site plan, and proposed floor plans and Figure 5 through 7 illustrate the elevations and building section.

PROJECT APPROVAL

The proposed project at 131 Missouri Street would require the following approvals:

Actions by the Zoning Administrator

• Approval of Variance from Planning Code Sections 134 (Rear Yard) and 151.1(h) (Off-Street Parking).

Actions by other City Departments

- Building Permit from the Department of Building Inspections (DBI) for the demolition of the existing building on the project site;
- Building Permit from DBI for the construction of the residential building;
- Approval of a Site Mitigation Plan (SMP) from the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) prior to the commencement of any excavation work;
- Encroachment Permit from the Department of Public Works (DPW) for any sidewalk and curb improvements within the public right-of-way.

The proposed project is subject to Neighborhood Notification per Planning Code Section 312. If discretionary review before the Planning Commission is requested, the discretionary review hearing is the Approval Action for the project. If no discretionary review is requested, the issuance of the building permit 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.



Figure 1. Project Location

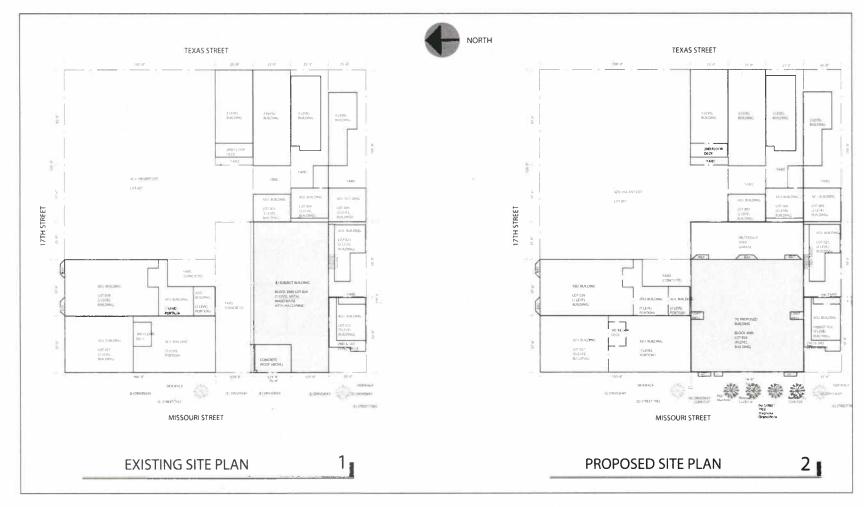


Figure 2: Existing Site Plan (left) and Proposed Site Plan (right)

Source: Sternberg Benjamin Architects, March 2015.

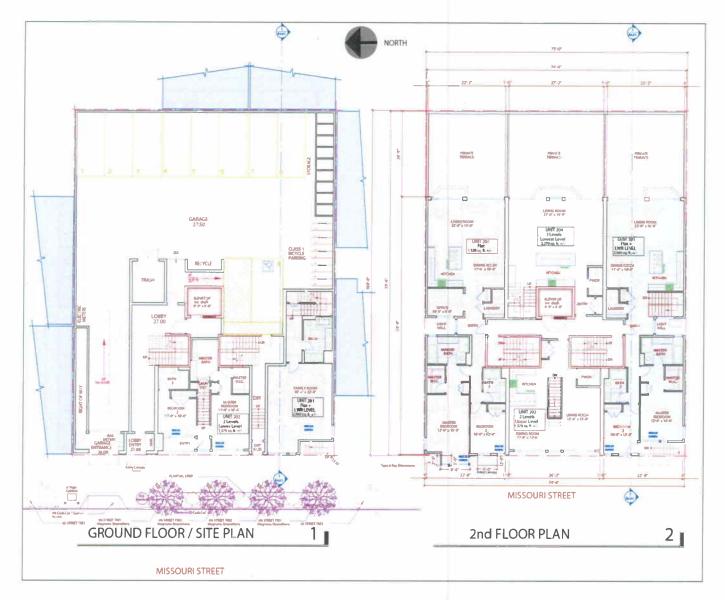


Figure 3: Proposed Floor Plan - Ground Floor (left) and Level 2 (right) Source: Sternberg Benjamin Architects, March 2015.

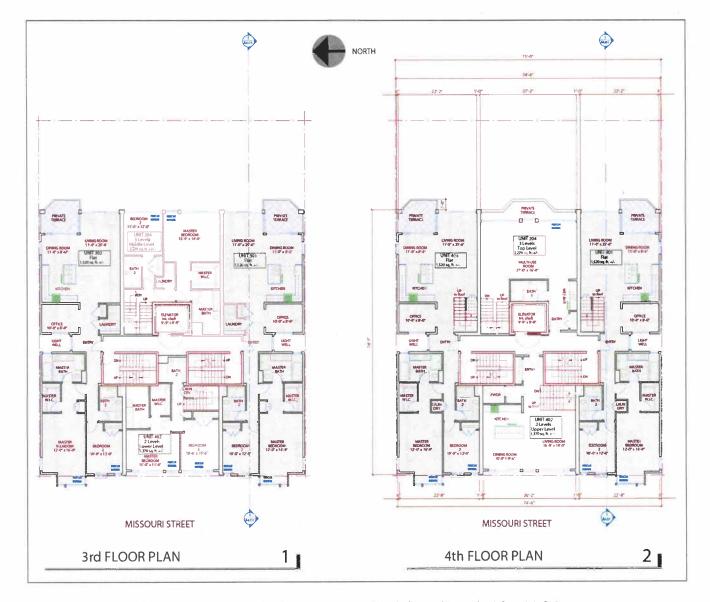


Figure 4: Proposed Floor Plan – Level 3 (left) and Level 4 Plan (right) Source: Sternberg Benjamin Architects, March 2015.

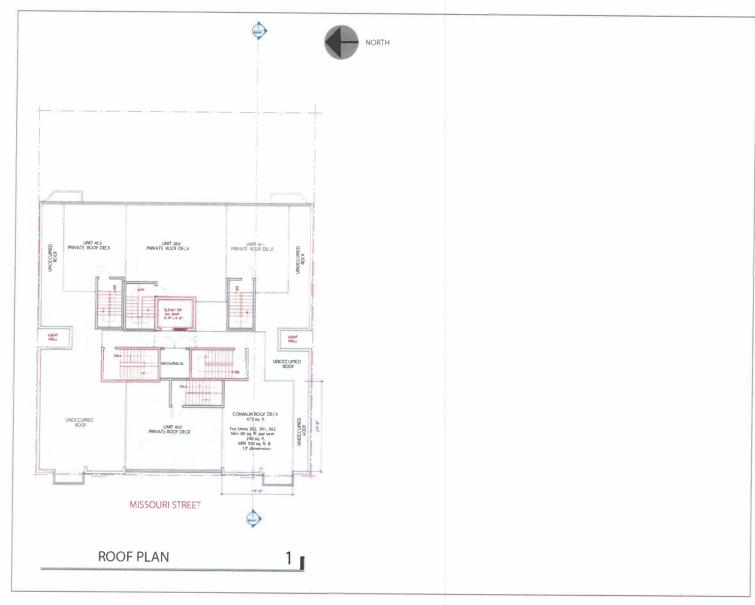


Figure 5: Proposed Roof Plan

Community Plan Exemption Checklist

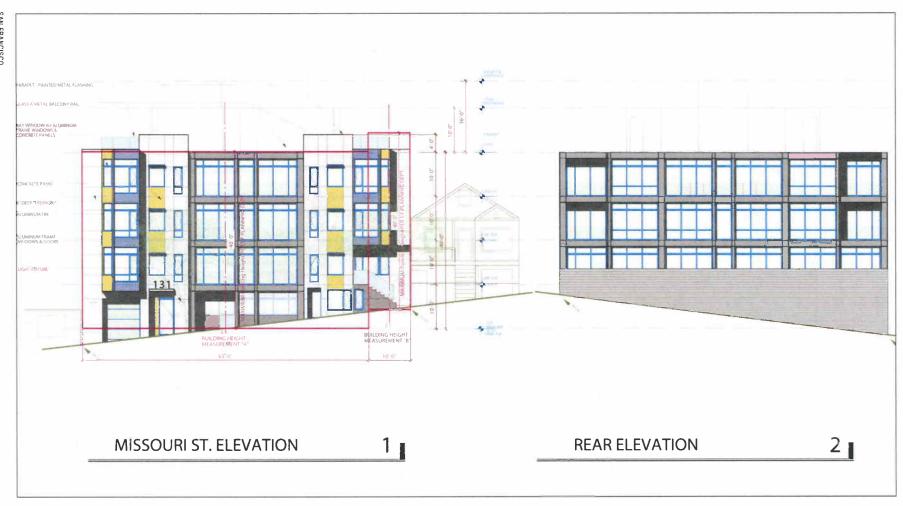


Figure 6: Proposed Elevations – Front/Missouri Street (left) and Rear (right) Source: Sternberg Benjamin Architects, March 2015.



Figure 6: Proposed Elevations – North Elevation (left) and South Elevation (right) Source: Sternberg Benjamin Architects, March 2015.

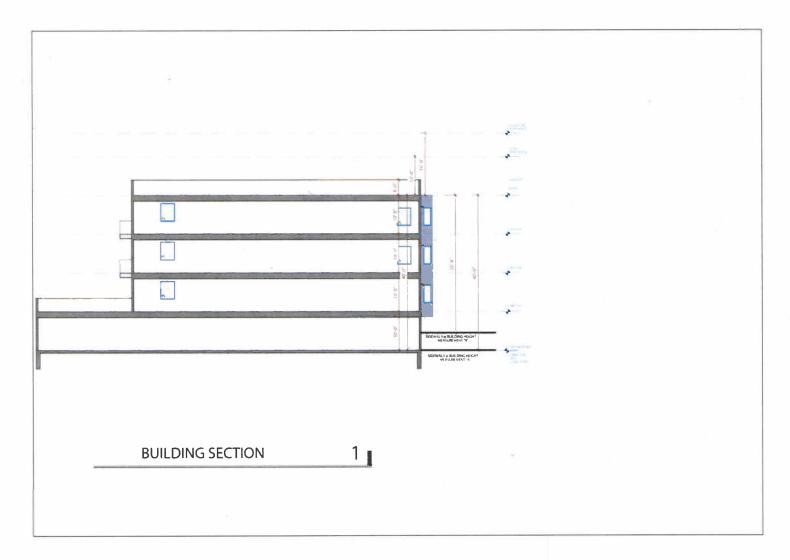


Figure 7: Proposed Building Section

Source: Sternberg Benjamin Architects, March 2015.

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

This Community Plan Exemption (CPE) Checklist evaluates whether the environmental impacts of the proposed project are addressed in the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans (Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR). The CPE Checklist indicates whether the proposed project would result in significant impacts that: (1) are peculiar to the project or project site; (2) were not identified as significant project-level, cumulative, or off-site effects in the PEIR; or (3) are previously identified significant effects, which as a result of substantial new information that was not known at the time that the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was certified, are determined to have a more severe adverse impact than discussed in the PEIR. Such impacts, if any, will be evaluated in a project-specific Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report. If no such impacts are identified, the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.

Mitigation measures identified in the PEIR are discussed under each topic area, and measures that are applicable to the proposed project are provided under the Mitigation Measures Section at the end of this checklist.

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified significant impacts related to land use, transportation, cultural resources, shadow, noise, air quality, and hazardous materials. Additionally, the PEIR identified significant cumulative impacts related to land use, transportation, and cultural resources. Mitigation measures were identified for the above impacts and reduced all impacts to less-than-significant except for those related to land use (cumulative impacts on PDR use), transportation (program-level and cumulative traffic impacts at nine intersections; program-level and cumulative transit impacts on seven Muni lines), cultural resources (cumulative impacts from demolition of historical resources), and shadow (program-level impacts on parks).

The proposed project would include the demolition of the existing on-site 4,500 square-foot warehouse building and the construction of an approximately 21,155 square-foot residential building containing nine two-bedroom dwelling units and a ground floor garage with nine vehicle and nine bicycle parking spaces. As discussed below in this checklist, the proposed project would not result in new, significant environmental effects, or effects of greater severity than were already analyzed and disclosed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

-

¹ San Francisco Planning Department, Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Final Environmental Impact Report (PEIR), Planning Department Case No. 2004.0160E, State Clearinghouse No. 2005032048, certified August 7, 2008. Available online at: http://www.st-planning.org/index.aspx?page-1893, accessed August 17, 2012.

AESTHETICS AND PARKING IMPACTS FOR TRANSIT PRIORITY INFILL DEVELOPMENT

Public Resources Code Section 21099(d), effective January 1, 2014, provides that, "aesthetics and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project on an infill site located within a transit priority area shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment." Accordingly, aesthetics and parking are no longer to be considered in determining if a project has the potential to result in significant environmental effects for projects that meet all of the following three criteria:

- a) The project is in a transit priority area;
- b) The project is on an infill site; and
- c) The project is residential, mixed-use residential, or an employment center.

The proposed project meets each of the above three criteria and thus, this checklist does not consider aesthetics or parking in determining the significance of project impacts under CEQA.² The Planning Department acknowledges that parking conditions may be of interest to the public and the decision makers. Therefore, this determination presents a parking demand analysis for informational purposes, in the Transportation and Circulation Section.

Тор	vics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
1.	LAND USE AND LAND USE PLANNING— Would the project:				
a)	Physically divide an established community?				\boxtimes
b)	Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?		,		
c)	Have a substantial impact upon the existing character of the vicinity?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that adoption of the Area Plans would result in an unavoidable significant impact on land use due to the cumulative loss of PDR. The proposed project would remove 4,500 square feet of an existing PDR use and therefore would contribute to any impact related to loss of PDR uses that was identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR. However, the loss of 4,500 square feet of existing PDR use is not substantial in light of the existing PDR supply, and would not contribute considerably to this impact. In addition, the 7,500 square-foot lot is not a substantial PDR opportunity and would also not contribute considerably to this impact.

Furthermore, the Citywide Planning and Current Planning Divisions of the Planning Department have determined that the proposed project is permitted in the UMU District and is consistent with applicable bulk, density, and land uses as envisioned in the Showplace Square/Potrero Hill Area Plan. The proposed

² San Francisco Planning Department. Transit-Oriented Infill Project Eligibility Checklist for 131 Missouri Street. April 6, 2015. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400 as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

project falls within the 16th-17th Street Corridor generalized district, which aims to encourage development of new, moderately dense housing mixed with existing PDR uses. The proposed project requires exceptions to the Planning Code, including a Rear Yard Modification from Planning Code Section 132 to provide a rear yard less than 25 percent of the total lot area, and a Parking Modification per Planning Code Section 151.1(h) to provide parking at a ratio of one off-street parking space per dwelling unit. The project sponsor would seek these exceptions which would be considered by the Zoning Administrator. The proposed project is otherwise compliant with all applicable requirements of the Planning Code, and is consistent with the San Francisco General Plan.³⁴

For these reasons, implementation of the proposed project would not result in significant impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR related to land use and land use planning, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
2.	POPULATION AND HOUSING— Would the project:				
a)	Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				
b)	Displace substantial numbers of existing housing units or create demand for additional housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing?				\boxtimes
c)	Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				\boxtimes

One of the objectives of the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plans is to identify appropriate locations for housing in the City's industrially zoned land to meet the citywide demand for additional housing. The PEIR concluded that an increase in population in the Plan Areas is expected to occur as a secondary effect of the proposed rezoning and that any population increase would not, in itself, result in adverse physical effects, but would serve to advance key City policy objectives, such as providing housing in appropriate locations next to Downtown and other employment generators and furthering the City's Transit First policies. It was anticipated that the rezoning would result in an increase in both housing development and population in all of the Area Plan neighborhoods. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that the anticipated increase in population and density would not result in significant adverse physical effects on the environment. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

³ Adam Varat, San Francisco Planning Department. Community Plan Exemption Eligibility Determination, Citywide Planning and Policy Analysis, 131 Missouri Street. September 13, 2014. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

⁴ Joslin, Jeff, San Francisco Planning Department. Community Plan Exemption Eligibility Determination, Current Planning Analysis, 131 Missouri Street. December 15, 2014. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

The proposed project would add nine dwelling units to San Francisco's housing stock. This minor growth from the provision of new housing would be partially offset by the demolition of the 4,500 square-foot warehouse and associated reduction in employee-related housing demand. The proposed project would not result in the displacement or elimination of any existing residential dwelling units. These direct effects of the proposed project on population and housing are within the scope of the population growth anticipated under the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan and was evaluated in the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan Area PEIR.

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts on population and housing that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
3.	CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES—Would the project:				
a)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in §15064.5, including those resources listed in Article 10 or Article 11 of the San Francisco Planning Code?				
b)	Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?				\boxtimes
c)	Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				
d)	Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				\boxtimes

Historic Architectural Resources

Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064.5(a)(1) and 15064.5(a)(2), historical resources are buildings or structures that are listed, or are eligible for listing, in the California Register of Historical Resources or are identified in a local register of historical resources, such as Articles 10 and 11 of the San Francisco Planning Code. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that future development facilitated through the changes in use districts and height limits under the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plans could have substantial adverse changes on the significance of both individual historical resources and on historical districts within the Plan Areas. The PEIR determined that approximately 32 percent of the known or potential historical resources in the Plan Areas could potentially be affected under the preferred alternative. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR found this impact to be significant and unavoidable. This impact was addressed in a Statement of Overriding Considerations with findings and adopted as part of the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans approval on January 19, 2009.

The PEIR identified three mitigation measures that were tasked to the Planning Department that could reduce the severity of impacts to historic resources as a result of development enabled under the Plan Areas (Mitigation K-1 to K-3). These mitigation measures were the responsibility of the Planning Department and do not apply to subsequent development projects. Demolition or substantial alteration of

a historic resource typically cannot be fully mitigated; therefore, the PEIR concluded that the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan would have a significant and unavoidable impact on historic resources.

Specific to the project site, the existing building was included in the *Showplace Square/Northeast Mission Historic Resource Survey* conducted as part of the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans. 131 Missouri was given the rating of 6Z ("Found ineligible for NR, CR, or Local designation through survey evaluation").⁵ As such, the subject property would not be considered a historic resource pursuant CEQA and its demolition would not result in a significant impact. In addition, the project site is not located within a known or eligible historic district as identified in the results of the *Showplace Square/Northeast Mission Historic Resource Survey*.

Therefore, the proposed project would not contribute to the significant historic resource impact identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR, and no historic resource mitigation measures would apply to the proposed project.

For these reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts on historic architectural resources that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Archeological Resources

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that implementation of the Area Plan could result in significant impacts on archeological resources and identified three mitigation measures that would reduce these potential impacts to a less than significant level. Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure J-1 applies to properties for which a final archeological research design and treatment plan is on file at the Northwest Information Center and the Planning Department. Mitigation Measure J-2 applies to properties for which no archeological assessment report has been prepared or for which the archeological documentation is incomplete or inadequate to serve as an evaluation of potential effects on archeological resources under CEQA. Mitigation J-2 requires preliminary archaeological review of the project site. Mitigation Measure J-3, which applies to properties in the Mission Dolores Archeological District, requires that a specific archeological testing program be conducted by a qualified archeological consultant with expertise in California prehistoric and urban historical archeology.

The proposed project at 131 Missouri Street would involve approximately three feet of below ground surface excavation and approximately 600 cubic yards of soil disturbance in an area where no previous archaeological studies have been prepared. Therefore, the proposed project would be subject to Mitigation Measure J-2. In accordance with Mitigation Measure J-2, a Preliminary Archaeological Review (PAR) was conducted by Planning Department staff archaeologists, which determined that the proposed project would not have the potential to adversely affect archaeological resources since excavation effects would be limited to culturally sterile soils.⁶

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts on archeological resources that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

⁵ San Francisco Planning Department. Summary Database of the Showplace Square/Northeast Mission Survey. May 2011. A copy of this document is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

⁶ Allison Vanderslice, San Francisco Planning Department. Email to Heidi Kline – Preliminary Archaeological Review (PAR) Completions. March 18, 2014. A copy of this email is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

Тор	vics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
4.	TRANSPORTATION AND CIRCULATION— Would the project:				
a)	Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				
b)	Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				
c)	Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels, obstructions to flight, or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?				
d)	Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses?				
e)	Result in inadequate emergency access?				\boxtimes
f)	Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR anticipated that growth resulting from the zoning changes would not result in significant impacts related to pedestrians, bicyclists, loading, emergency access, or construction. As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on pedestrians, bicyclists, loading, emergency access, or construction beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

However, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR anticipated that growth resulting from the zoning changes could result in significant impacts on traffic and transit ridership, and identified 11 transportation mitigation measures. Even with mitigation, however, it was anticipated that the significant adverse cumulative traffic impacts and the cumulative impacts on transit lines could not be fully mitigated. Thus, these impacts were found to be significant and unavoidable.

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan area, or in the vicinity of a private airstrip. Therefore, the Community Plan Exemption Checklist topic 4c is not applicable.

Trip Generation

The proposed project would demolish an existing 4,500 square-foot warehouse building and construct an 21,155 square-foot residential building with nine two-bedroom residential units and a ground floor garage for nine vehicle parking spaces (including one ADA van accessible space) and nine bicycle parking spaces. The proposed project would provide vehicle access to the site from Missouri Street.

Trip generation of the proposed project was calculated using information in the 2002 Transportation Impacts Analysis Guidelines for Environmental Review (SF Guidelines) developed by the San Francisco Planning Department.⁷ The proposed project would generate an estimated 90 person trips (inbound and outbound) on a weekday daily basis, consisting of 56 person trips by auto, 14 transit trips, eight walk trips and 12 trips by other modes. During the p.m. peak hour, the proposed project would generate an estimated nine vehicle trips (accounting for vehicle occupancy data for this Census Tract).

Traffic

The proposed project's vehicle trips would travel through the intersections surrounding the project block. Intersection operating conditions are characterized by the concept of Level of Service (LOS), which ranges from A to F and provides a description of an intersection's performance based on traffic volumes, intersection capacity, and vehicle delays. LOS A represents free flow conditions, with little or no delay, while LOS F represents congested conditions, with extremely long delays; LOS D (moderately high delays) is considered the lowest acceptable level in San Francisco. The intersections near the project site (within approximately 2,500 feet) include Rhode Island Street/16th Street, Rhode Island Street/Division Street, Mariposa Street/I-280 Northbound off-ramp, Mariposa Street/I-280 Southbound on-ramp, and 16th Street intersections. Table 1 provides existing and cumulative LOS data gathered for these intersections, per the *Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Transportation Study*.8

Table 1

Intersection	Existing LOS (2007)	<u>Cumulative LOS</u> (2025)					
Rhode Island St/16th St	С	F					
Rhode Island St/Division St	В	F					
Mariposa St/I-280 NB off-ramp	С	D					
Mariposa St/I-280 SB on-ramp	F	В					
16th St/Third St	D	D					

Sources: Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Transportation Study (2007)

The proposed project would generate an estimated nine new p.m. peak hour vehicle trips that could travel through surrounding intersections. This amount of new p.m. peak hour vehicle trips would not substantially increase traffic volumes at these or other nearby intersections, would not substantially increase average delay that would cause intersections that currently operate at acceptable LOS to deteriorate to unacceptable LOS, or would not substantially increase average delay at intersections that currently operate at unacceptable LOS.

The proposed project would not contribute considerably to LOS delay conditions as its contribution of an estimated nine new p.m. peak-hour vehicle trips would not be a substantial proportion of the overall traffic volume or the new vehicle trips generated by Eastern Neighborhoods' Plan projects. The proposed

⁷ San Francisco Planning Department, Transportation Calculations for 131 Missouri Street, November 7, 2013. These calculations are available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

⁸ The Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Transportation Study is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2004.0160E.

project would also not contribute considerably to 2025 cumulative conditions and thus, the proposed project would not have any significant cumulative traffic impacts.

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts on traffic that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Transit

The project site is located within a quarter mile of several local transit lines including Muni lines 10-Townsend, 14-X Mission Express, and 22-Fillmore. The proposed project would be expected to generate 18 daily transit trips, including two during the p.m. peak hour. Given the wide availability of nearby transit, the addition of two p.m. peak hour transit trips would be accommodated by existing capacity. As such, the proposed project would not result in unacceptable levels of transit service or cause a substantial increase in delays or operating costs such that significant adverse impacts on transit service could result.

Each of the rezoning options in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified significant and unavoidable cumulative impacts relating to increases in transit ridership on Muni lines, with the Preferred Project having significant impacts on seven lines. Of those lines, the project site is located within a quarter-mile of Muni lines 10-Townsend, 14-X Mission Express, and 22-Fillmore. Mitigation measures proposed to address these impacts related to pursuing enhanced transit funding; conducting transit corridor and service improvements; and increasing transit accessibility, service information and storage/maintenance capabilities for Muni lines in the Eastern Neighborhoods. Even with mitigation, however, cumulative impacts on the above lines were found to remain significant and unavoidable and a Statement of Overriding Considerations related to the significant and unavoidable cumulative transit impacts was adopted as part of the PEIR Certification and Plan approval.

The proposed project would not contribute considerably to these conditions as its minor contribution of two p.m. peak hour transit trips would not be a substantial proportion of the overall additional transit volume generated by Eastern Neighborhood projects. Thus, the proposed project would not contribute considerably to 2025 cumulative transit conditions and would not result in any significant cumulative transit impacts.

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR related to transit and would not contribute considerably to cumulative transit impacts that were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Parking

Public Resources Code Section 21099(d), effective January 1, 2014, provides that, "aesthetics and parking impacts of a residential, mixed-use residential, or employment center project on an infill site located within a transit priority area shall not be considered significant impacts on the environment." Accordingly, aesthetics and parking are no longer to be considered in determining if a project has the potential to result in significant environmental effects for projects that meet all of the following three criteria:

- a) The project is in a transit priority area;
- b) The project is on an infill site; and
- c) The project is residential, mixed-use residential, or an employment center.

The proposed project meets each of the above three criteria and thus, this determination does not consider the adequacy of parking in determining the significance of project impacts under CEQA.⁹ The Planning Department acknowledges that parking conditions may be of interest to the public and the decision makers. Therefore, the following parking demand analysis is provided for informational purposes only.

The parking demand for the new residential uses associated with the proposed project was determined based on the methodology presented in the Transportation Guidelines. On an average weekday, the demand for parking would be for an estimated 14 spaces. The proposed project would provide nine offstreet spaces. Thus, as proposed, the project would have an unmet parking demand of an estimated five spaces. At this location, the unmet parking demand could be accommodated within existing on-street and off-street parking spaces within a reasonable distance of the project vicinity. Additionally, the project site is well served by public transit and bicycle facilities such as transit lines 10, 14-X, 22, and bicycle routes 7, 23, and 40. Therefore, any unmet parking demand associated with the project would not materially affect the overall parking conditions in the project vicinity such that hazardous conditions or significant delays would be created.

Further, the project site is located in a UMU zoning district where under Section 151.1 of the Planning Code, the proposed project would not be required to provide any off-street parking spaces. If the project were ultimately approved with no off-street parking spaces, the proposed project would have an unmet demand of an estimated 14 spaces. As mentioned above, the unmet parking demand could be accommodated within existing on-street and off-street parking spaces nearby and through alternative modes such as public transit and bicycle facilities. Given that the unmet demand could be met by existing facilities and given that the proposed project site is well-served by transit and bicycle facilities, a reduction in the number of off-street parking spaces associated with the proposed project, even if no off-street spaces are provided, would not result in significant delays or hazardous conditions.

Parking conditions are not static, as parking supply and demand varies from day to day, from day to night, from month to month, etc. Hence, the availability of parking spaces (or lack thereof) is not a permanent physical condition, but changes over time as people change their modes and patterns of travel. While parking conditions change over time, a substantial shortfall in parking caused by a project that creates hazardous conditions or significant delays to traffic, transit, bicycles or pedestrians could adversely affect the physical environment. Whether a shortfall in parking creates such conditions will depend on the magnitude of the shortfall and the ability of drivers to change travel patterns or switch to other travel modes. If a substantial shortfall in parking caused by a project creates hazardous conditions or significant delays in travel, such a condition could also result in secondary physical environmental impacts (e.g., air quality or noise impacts caused by congestion), depending on the project and its setting.

The absence of a ready supply of parking spaces, combined with available alternatives to auto travel (e.g., transit service, taxis, bicycles or travel by foot) and a relatively dense pattern of urban development, induces many drivers to seek and find alternative parking facilities, shift to other modes of travel, or change their overall travel habits. Any such resulting shifts to transit service or other modes (walking and biking), would be in keeping with the City's "Transit First" policy and numerous San Francisco General Plan Polices, including those in the Transportation Element. The City's Transit First Policy, established in the City's Charter Article 8A, Section 8A.115, provides that "parking policies for areas well served by

-

San Francisco Planning Department, Transit-Oriented Infill Project Eligibility Checklist for 131 Missouri Street, April 6, 2015. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

public transit shall be designed to encourage travel by public transportation and alternative transportation."

The transportation analysis accounts for potential secondary effects, such as cars circling and looking for a parking space in areas of limited parking supply, by assuming that all drivers would attempt to find parking at or near the project site and then seek parking farther away if convenient parking is unavailable. The secondary effects of drivers searching for parking is typically offset by a reduction in vehicle trips due to others who are aware of constrained parking conditions in a given area, and thus choose to reach their destination by other modes (i.e. walking, biking, transit, taxi). If this occurs, any secondary environmental impacts that may result from a shortfall in parking in the vicinity of the proposed project would be minor, and the traffic assignments used in the transportation analysis, as well as in the associated air quality, noise and pedestrian safety analyses, would reasonably address potential secondary effects.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
5.	NOISE—Would the project:				
a)	Result in exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b)	Result in exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?				
c)	Result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				\boxtimes
d)	Result in a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan area, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, in an area within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels?				
f)	For a project located in the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				\boxtimes
g)	Be substantially affected by existing noise levels?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified potential conflicts related to residences and other noise-PDR, proximity noisy uses such as retail, entertainment, sensitive uses in to cultural/institutional/educational uses, and office uses. In addition, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR noted that implementation of the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plans and Rezoning would incrementally increase traffic-generated noise on some streets in the Eastern Neighborhoods plan areas and result in construction noise impacts from pile driving and other construction activities. The Eastern

Neighborhoods PEIR therefore identified six noise mitigation measures that would reduce noise impacts to less-than-significant levels.

Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measures F-1 and F-2 relate to construction noise. Mitigation Measure F-1 addresses individual projects that include pile-driving, and Mitigation Measure F-2 addresses individual projects that include particularly noisy construction procedures (including pile-driving). The proposed project would utilize a grid mat building foundation that does not necessitate the use of pile-driving or other construction practices generating excessive noise. Mitigation F-1 and F-2 would not be applicable to the project.

In addition, all construction activities for the proposed project (approximately 12 months) would be subject to and would comply with the San Francisco Noise Ordinance (Article 29 of the San Francisco Police Code) (Noise Ordinance). Construction noise is regulated by the Noise Ordinance. The Noise Ordinance requires that construction work be conducted in the following manner: (1) noise levels of construction equipment, other than impact tools, must not exceed 80 dBA at a distance of 100 feet from the source (the equipment generating the noise); (2) impact tools must have intake and exhaust mufflers that are approved by the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW) or the Director of the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) to best accomplish maximum noise reduction; and (3) if the noise from the construction work would exceed the ambient noise levels at the site property line by 5 dBA, the work must not be conducted between 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. unless the Director of DPW authorizes a special permit for conducting the work during that period.

DBI is responsible for enforcing the Noise Ordinance for private construction projects during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). The Police Department is responsible for enforcing the Noise Ordinance during all other hours. Nonetheless, during the construction period for the proposed project of approximately 12 months, occupants of the nearby properties could be disturbed by construction noise. Times may occur when noise could interfere with indoor activities in nearby residences and other businesses near the project site and may be considered an annoyance by occupants of nearby properties. The increase in noise in the project area during project construction would not be considered a significant impact of the proposed project, because the construction noise would be temporary, intermittent, and restricted in occurrence and level, as the contractor would be required to comply with the Noise Ordinance.

Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measures F-3 and F-4 require that a detailed analysis of noise reduction requirements be conducted for new development that includes noise-sensitive uses located along streets with noise levels above 60 dBA (Ldn). Since the proposed project is subject to Title 24 requirements, Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure F-3 Interior Noise Levels is not applicable. Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure F-4 Siting of Noise-Sensitive Uses is applicable to the proposed project since the proposed project would include residential uses. Accordingly, the project sponsor has conducted an environmental noise study demonstrating that the proposed project can feasibly attain acceptable interior noise levels.¹⁰

The noise study provided the following recommendations: (1) the exterior building shell must provide a minimum sound rating of STC 28 at all evaluations of the building; (2) the sound ratings for the window and sliding glass doors at the habitable spaces of the residential units should be specified to provide the

-

¹⁰ Walsh Norris & Associates, Inc. Exterior Noise Evaluation 131 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA, June 23, 2014. A copy of this document is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

minimum STC 28 rating; (3) supplemental mechanical ventilation should be provided for the residential units to allow the windows to be closed if desired. The noise study concludes that with the incorporation of these recommendations, interior noise levels would be acceptable. Therefore, the proposed project has complied with Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure F-4 and additional analysis is not required.

Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure F-5 addresses impacts related to individual projects that include new noise-generating uses that would be expected to generate noise levels in excess of ambient noise in the proposed project site vicinity. The proposed residential project would introduce new noise sensitive uses, but is not expected to generate excessive noise levels. In addition, any noise generated by the project including mechanical equipment would be subject to noise control requirements pursuant to the Noise Ordinance. Thus, Mitigation Measure F-5 does not apply to the project.

Mitigation Measure F-6 addresses impacts from existing ambient noise levels on open space required under the Planning Code for new development that includes noise sensitive uses. The proposed project includes residential units with outdoor open space as required by the Planning Code. Therefore, Mitigation Measure F-6 would apply to the project. As currently designed, the proposed project consists of private roof decks and terraces. Due to orientation, height and shielding of the exterior community noise, the noise exposure levels at the open areas will be less than the noise exposure levels measured at the project site and in compliance with Mitigation Measure F-6.

The project site is not located within an airport land use plan area, within two miles of a public airport, or in the vicinity of a private airstrip. Therefore, topic 12e and f from the CEQA Guidelines, Appendix G is not applicable.

The project proposed would result in the placement of residential uses in close proximity to the Monte Cristo Club, a noise generating use, at 136 Missouri Street. On December 16, 2014, San Francisco Board of Supervisors Supervisor London Breed proposed legislation that would amend the San Francisco Building, Administrative, Planning and Police Codes to address noise-related issues arising when the City considers development proposals that would place either residential land uses or Places of Entertainment (POEs) in close proximity to one another. The amendments would provide for the evaluation of noise associated with existing and new POEs, disclosure of potential noise to lessors and sellers of residential property, and attenuation of exterior noise for new residential structures. The proposed project would comply with the noise legislation introduced by Supervisor Breed (if approved) given its proximity to the Monte Cristo Club, an existing POE.

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant noise impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Topics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
6. AIR QUALITY—Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				\boxtimes
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				\boxtimes
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal, state, or regional ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?				\boxtimes
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified potentially significant air quality impacts resulting from construction activities and impacts to sensitive land uses¹¹ as a result of exposure to elevated levels of diesel particulate matter (DPM) and other toxic air contaminants (TACs). The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified four mitigation measures that would reduce these air quality impacts to less-than-significant levels and stated that with implementation of identified mitigation measures, the Area Plan would be consistent with the Bay Area 2005 Ozone Strategy, the applicable air quality plan at that time. All other air quality impacts were found to be less than significant.

Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure G-1 addresses air quality impacts during construction, *PEIR* Mitigation Measure G-2 addresses the siting of sensitive land uses near sources of TACs and PEIR Mitigation Measures G-3 and G-4 address proposed uses that would emit DPM and other TACs

Construction Dust Control

Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure G-1 Construction Air Quality requires individual projects involving construction activities to include dust control measures and to maintain and operate construction equipment so as to minimize exhaust emissions of particulates and other pollutants. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors subsequently approved a series of amendments to the San Francisco Building and Health Codes, generally referred to as the Construction Dust Control Ordinance (Ordinance 176-08, effective July 30, 2008). The intent of the Construction Dust Control Ordinance is to reduce the quantity of fugitive dust generated during site preparation, demolition, and construction work in order to protect the health of the general public and of on-site workers, minimize public nuisance complaints, and to avoid orders to stop work by DBI. Project-related construction activities would result in construction dust, primarily from ground-disturbing activities. In compliance with the Construction Dust Control Ordinance, the project sponsor and contractor responsible for construction activities at the project site

¹¹ The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) considers sensitive receptors as: children, adults or seniors occupying or residing in: 1) residential dwellings, including apartments, houses, condominiums, 2) schools, colleges, and universities, 3) daycares, 4) hospitals, and 5) senior care facilities. BAAQMD, Recommended Methods for Screening and Modeling Local Risks and Hazards, May 2011, page 12.

would be required to control construction dust on the site through a combination of watering disturbed areas, covering stockpiled materials, street and sidewalk sweeping and other measures.

The regulations and procedures set forth by the San Francisco Dust Control Ordinance would ensure that construction dust impacts would not be significant. These requirements supersede the dust control provisions of PEIR Mitigation Measure G-1. Therefore, the portion of PEIR Mitigation Measure G-1 Construction Air Quality that addresses dust control is no longer applicable to the proposed project.

Criteria Air Pollutants

While the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that at a program-level the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans would not result in significant regional air quality impacts, the PEIR states that "Individual development projects undertaken in the future pursuant to the new zoning and area plans would be subject to a significance determination based on the BAAQMD's quantitative thresholds for individual projects." The BAAQMD's CEQA Air Quality Guidelines (Air Quality Guidelines) provide screening criteria for determining whether a project's criteria air pollutant emissions would violate an air quality standard, contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation, or result in a cumulatively considerable net increase in criteria air pollutants. Pursuant to the Air Quality Guidelines, projects that meet the screening criteria do not have a significant impact related to criteria air pollutants. Criteria air pollutant emissions during construction and operation of the proposed project would meet the Air Quality Guidelines screening criteria (Apartment, Low Rise) as the proposed nine-unit residential building would be below the 451 dwelling unit operational criteria pollutant screening size, 78 dwelling unit operational greenhouse gas screening size, and 240 dwelling unit construction criteria pollutant screening size. Therefore, the project would not have a significant impact related to criteria air pollutants, and a detailed air quality assessment is not required.

Health Risk

Subsequent to certification of the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR, San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved a series of amendments to the San Francisco Building and Health Codes, generally referred to as the Enhanced Ventilation Required for Urban Infill Sensitive Use Developments or Health Code, Article 38 (Ordinance 224-14, effective December 8, 2014)(Article 38). The purpose of Article 38 is to protect the public health and welfare by establishing an Air Pollutant Exposure Zone and imposing an enhanced ventilation requirement for all urban infill sensitive use development within the Air Pollutant Exposure Zone. The Air Pollutant Exposure Zone as defined in Article 38 are areas that, based on modeling of all known air pollutant sources, exceed health protective standards for cumulative PM2.5 concentration, cumulative excess cancer risk, and incorporates health vulnerability factors and proximity to freeways. Projects within the Air Pollutant Exposure Zone require special consideration to determine whether the project's activities would expose sensitive receptors to substantial air pollutant concentrations or add emissions to areas already adversely affected by poor air quality.

Construction

The project site is not located within an identified Air Pollutant Exposure Zone. Therefore, the ambient health risk to sensitive receptors from air pollutants is not considered substantial and the remainder of

¹² San Francisco Planning Department, Eastern Neighborhood's Rezoning and Area Plans Final Environmental Impact Report. See page 346. Available online at: http://www.si-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=4003. Accessed June 4, 2014.

¹³ Bay Area Air Quality Management District, CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, updated May 2011. See pp. 3-2 to 3-3.

Mitigation Measure G-1 that requires the minimization of construction exhaust emissions is not applicable to the proposed project.

Siting Sensitive Land Uses

The proposed project would include development of residential uses (nine units) and is considered a sensitive land use for purposes of air quality evaluation. As discussed above, the ambient health risk to sensitive receptors from air pollutants is not considered substantial and Article 38 is not applicable to the proposed project. Therefore, PEIR Mitigation Measure G-2 Air Quality for Sensitive Land Uses is not applicable to the proposed project, and impacts related to siting of new sensitive land uses would be less than significant.

Siting New Sources

The proposed project would not be expected to generate 100 trucks per day or 40 refrigerated trucks per day. Therefore, Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure G-3 is not applicable. In addition, the proposed project would not include any sources that would emit DPM or other TACs. Therefore, Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measure G-4 is not applicable and impacts related to siting new sources of pollutants would be less than significant.

For the above reasons, none of the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR air quality mitigation measures are applicable to the proposed project and the project would not result in significant air quality impacts that were not identified in the PEIR.

Тор	oics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
7.	GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS—Would the project:				
a)	Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				
b)	Conflict with any applicable plan, policy, or regulation of an agency adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR assessed the GHG emissions that could result from rezoning of the Showplace Square/Potrero Hill Area Plan under the three rezoning options. The Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning Options A, B, and C are anticipated to result in GHG emissions on the order of 4.2, 4.3 and 4.5 metric tons of CO₂E¹⁴ per service population,¹⁵ respectively. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR concluded that the resulting GHG emissions from the three options analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plans would be less than significant. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

SAN FRANCISCO
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

25

¹⁴ CO₂E, defined as equivalent Carbon Dioxide, is a quantity that describes other greenhouse gases in terms of the amount of Carbon Dioxide that would have an equal global warming potential.

¹⁵ Memorandum from Jessica Range to Environmental Planning staff, Greenhouse Gas Analyses for Community Plan Exemptions in Eastern Neighborhoods, April 20, 2010. This memorandum provides an overview of the GHG analysis conducted for the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and provides an analysis of the emissions using a service population (equivalent of total number of residents and employees) metric.

Regulations outlined in San Francisco's Strategies to Address Greenhouse Gas Emissions have proven effective as San Francisco's GHG emissions have measurably reduced when compared to 1990 emissions levels, demonstrating that the City has met and exceeded EO S-3-05, AB 32, and the Bay Area 2010 Clean Air Plan GHG reduction goals for the year 2020. The proposed project was determined to be consistent with San Francisco's GHG Reduction Strategy. Other existing regulations, such as those implemented through AB 32, will continue to reduce a proposed project's contribution to climate change. Therefore, the proposed project's GHG emissions would not conflict with state, regional, and local GHG reduction plans and regulations, and thus the proposed project's contribution to GHG emissions would not be cumulatively considerable or generate GHG emissions, either directly or indirectly, that would have a significant impact on the environment.

As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on greenhouse gas emissions beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тој	oics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
8.	WIND AND SHADOW—Would the project:				
a)	Alter wind in a manner that substantially affects public areas?				\boxtimes
b)	Create new shadow in a manner that substantially affects outdoor recreation facilities or other public areas?				

Wind

Based upon experience of the Planning Department in reviewing wind analyses and expert opinion on other projects, it is generally (but not always) the case that projects under 80 feet in height do not have the potential to generate significant wind impacts. Although the proposed 40-foot-tall building (up to 56 feet including the stair/elevator penthouse) would be taller than the immediately adjacent buildings, it would be similar in height to existing buildings in the surrounding area and would not be sufficient height to cause wind acceleration. For the above reasons, the proposed project is not anticipated to cause significant impacts related to wind that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Shadow

Planning Code Section 295 generally prohibits new structures above 40 feet in height that would cast additional shadows on open space that is under the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Commission between one hour after sunrise and one hour before sunset, at any time of the year, unless that shadow would not result in a significant adverse effect on the use of the open space. Under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, sites surrounding parks could be redeveloped with taller buildings without triggering Section 295 of the Planning Code because certain parks are not subject to Section 295 of the Planning Code (i.e., under jurisdiction of departments other than the Recreation and

¹⁶ Aaron Schlechter. Greenhouse Gas Analysis: Compliance Checklist. A. A copy of this document is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

Parks Department or privately owned). The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR could not conclude that the rezoning and community plans would result in less-than-significant shadow impacts because the feasibility of complete mitigation for potential new shadow impacts of unknown proposed proposals could not be determined at that time. Therefore, the PEIR determined shadow impacts to be significant and unavoidable. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

The proposed project would construct a 40-foot-tall building in a location with no parks or open space in the immediate vicinity; therefore, the project does not trigger Planner Code Section 295's requirement for shadow analysis. No shadows would be expected to be cast on parks or open space.¹⁷

The proposed project would also shade portions of nearby streets and sidewalks and private property at times within the project vicinity. Shadows upon streets and sidewalks would not exceed levels commonly expected in urban areas and would be considered a less-than-significant effect under CEQA. Although occupants of nearby property may regard the increase in shadow as undesirable, the limited increase in shading of private properties as a result of the proposed project would not be considered a significant impact under CEQA.

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts related to shadow that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Tou	pics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
9.	RECREATION—Would the project:	- roject site	identified III I Ent		Identified III F LIK
a)	Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facilities would occur or be accelerated?				\boxtimes
b)	Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				
c)	Physically degrade existing recreational resources?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR concluded that implementation of the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans would not result in substantial or accelerated deterioration of existing recreational resources or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities that may have an adverse effect on the environment. No mitigation measures related to recreational resources were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

The proposed project would include a 475 square-foot common deck on the roof. As the proposed project would not degrade recreational facilities and is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on recreation beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

¹⁷ San Francisco Planning Department, Shadow Fan – 131 Missouri Street, November 13, 2014. A copy of this document is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
10.	UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS—Would the project:				
a)	Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				
b)	Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental				
	effects?				
c)	Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				· 🔀
d)	Have sufficient water supply available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or require new or expanded water supply resources or entitlements?				
e)	Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that would serve the project that it has inadequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				
f)	Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				
g)	Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that the anticipated increase in population would not result in a significant impact to the provision of water, wastewater collection and treatment, and solid waste collection and disposal. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on utilities and service systems beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Topics:		Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
11.	PUBLIC SERVICES—Would the project:				
a)	Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of, or the need for, new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any public services such as fire protection, police protection, schools, parks, or other services?				

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that the anticipated increase in population would not result in a significant impact to public services , including fire protection, police protection, and public schools. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on public services beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Impact Peculiar Significant Impact due to II to Project or Impact not Substantial New F	Impact due to Substantial New	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
12.	BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—Would the project:				
a)	Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
b)	Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?				
c)	Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				
d)	Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				
e)	Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?				\boxtimes

Тор	pics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
f)	Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				

As discussed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR, the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan Area is in a developed urban environment that does not provide native natural habitat for any rare or endangered plant or animal species. There are no riparian corridors, estuaries, marshes, or wetlands in the Plan Area that could be affected by the development anticipated under the Area Plan. In addition, development envisioned under the Eastern Neighborhoods Area Plan would not substantially interfere with the movement of any resident or migratory wildlife species. For these reasons, the PEIR concluded that implementation of the Area Plan would not result in significant impacts on biological resources, and no mitigation measures were identified.

As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on biological resources beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тор	ics:		Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
13.	GE	OLOGY AND SOILS—Would the project:				
a)	sub	ose people or structures to potential stantial adverse effects, including the risk of s, injury, or death involving:				
	i)	Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? (Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.)			· 🗖	
	ii)	Strong seismic ground shaking?				\boxtimes
	iii)	Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?				
	iv)	Landslides?				\boxtimes
b)		sult in substantial soil erosion or the loss of soil?				$\boxtimes_{\underline{I}}$
c)	uns rest or	located on geologic unit or soil that is table, or that would become unstable as a ult of the project, and potentially result in onoff-site landslide, lateral spreading, sidence, liquefaction, or collapse?		<u> </u>		
d)	Tab	located on expansive soil, as defined in ble 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code, ating substantial risks to life or property?				

Τομ	pics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
e)	Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?				\boxtimes
f)	Change substantially the topography or any unique geologic or physical features of the site?				

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR concluded that implementation of the Plan would indirectly increase the population that would be subject to an earthquake, including seismically induced ground-shaking, liquefaction, and landslides. The PEIR also noted that new development is generally safer than comparable older development due to improvements in building codes and construction techniques. Compliance with applicable codes and recommendations made in project-specific geotechnical analyses would not eliminate earthquake risks, but would reduce them to an acceptable level, given the seismically active characteristics of the Bay Area. Thus, the PEIR concluded that implementation of the Plan would not result in significant impacts with regard to geology, and no mitigation measures were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

A geotechnical investigation was conducted for the project site. ¹⁸ The geotechnical report concluded that the construction of the project is feasible provided that report recommendations are incorporated into the project design and construction of the proposed residential building. Recommendations from the geotechnical report include those pertaining to site preparation, earthwork operations, surface and subsurface draining; slab footings; alternate mat foundations; slabs-on-grade; retaining walls, lateral load resistance; and waterproofing of lower level slabs and retaining walls.

The project is required to conform to the San Francisco Building Code, which ensures the safety of all new construction in the City. DBI will review the project-specific geotechnical report during its review of the building permit for the project. In addition, DBI may require additional site specific soils report(s) through the building permit application process, as needed. The DBI requirement for a geotechnical report and review of the building permit application pursuant to DBI's implementation of the Building Code would ensure that the proposed project would have no significant impacts related to soils, seismic or other geological hazards.

In light of the above, the proposed project would not result in a significant effect related to seismic and geologic hazards and would not result in significant impacts related to geology and soils that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR. No mitigation measures are necessary.

¹⁸ Harold Lewis & Associates Geotechnical Consultants, Foundation Investigation Proposed Residential Building at 131 Missouri Street, San Francisco, California. October 10, 2013. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

Торі	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
14.	HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY—Would the project:				
a)	Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				\boxtimes
b)	Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?				
c)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner that would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				
d)	Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
e)	Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				
f)	Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				\boxtimes
g)	Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other authoritative flood hazard delineation map?				
h)	Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures that would impede or redirect flood flows?				\boxtimes
i)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
j)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that the anticipated increase in population would not result in a significant impact on hydrology and water quality, including the combined sewer system and the potential for combined sewer outflows. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

The existing lot is entirely covered by impervious surfaces and the proposed building would fully occupy the site. As a result, the proposed project would not increase stormwater runoff.

Therefore, the proposed project would not result in any significant impacts related to hydrology and water quality that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
15.	HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS— Would the project:				
a)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b)	Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				\boxtimes
c)	Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				\boxtimes
d)	Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				\boxtimes
e)	For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
f)	For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				\boxtimes
g)	Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				
h)	Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving fires?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR noted that implementation of any of the proposed project's rezoning options would encourage construction of new development within the project area. The PEIR found that there is a high potential to encounter hazardous materials during construction activities in many parts of the project area because of the presence of 1906 earthquake fill, previous and current land uses associated with the use of hazardous materials, and known or suspected hazardous materials cleanup cases. However, the PEIR found that existing regulations for facility closure, Under Storage Tank (UST) closure, and investigation and cleanup of soil and groundwater would ensure implementation of measures to protect workers and the community from exposure to hazardous materials during construction.

Hazardous Building Materials

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that future development in the Plan Area may involve demolition or renovation of existing structures containing hazardous building materials. Some building materials commonly used in older buildings could present a public health risk if disturbed during an accident or during demolition or renovation of an existing building. Hazardous building materials

addressed in the PEIR include asbestos, electrical equipment such as transformers and fluorescent light ballasts that contain PCBs or di (2 ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP), fluorescent lights containing mercury vapors, and lead-based paints. Asbestos and lead based paint may also present a health risk to existing building occupants if they are in a deteriorated condition. If removed during demolition of a building, these materials would also require special disposal procedures. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified a significant impact associated with hazardous building materials including PCBs, DEHP, and mercury and determined that that Mitigation Measure L-1: Hazardous Building Materials, as outlined below, would reduce effects to a less-than-significant level. Because the proposed development includes demolition of the existing 4,500 square-foot warehouse on the project site, Mitigation Measure L-1 would apply to the proposed project. See full text of Mitigation Measure L-1 in the Mitigation Measures Section below.

Soil and Groundwater Contamination

The proposed project, which is located within the mapped area in Article 22A of the San Francisco Health Code, known as the Maher Ordinance, would involve approximately three feet of excavation and approximately 600 cubic yards of soil disturbance.

Therefore, the proposed project is subject to the Maher Ordinance, which is administered and overseen by the Department of Public Health (DPH). The Maher Ordinance requires the project sponsor to retain the services of a qualified professional to prepare a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) that meets the requirements of Health Code Section 22.A.6.

The Phase I would determine the potential for site contamination and level of exposure risk associated with the project. Based on that information, the project sponsor may be required to conduct soil and/or groundwater sampling and analysis. Where such analysis reveals the presence of hazardous substances in excess of state or federal standards, the project sponsor is required to submit a site mitigation plan (SMP) to the DPH or other appropriate state or federal agency(ies), and to remediate any site contamination in accordance with an approved SMP prior to the issuance of any building permit.

In compliance with the Maher Ordinance, the project sponsor has submitted a Maher Application to DPH¹⁹ and a Phase I²⁰ and Phase II²¹ ESA have been prepared to assess the potential for site contamination. The Phase I and II found that petroleum constituents and metal concentration were below their respective total threshold limit concentrations.

The proposed project would be required to remediate potential soil and groundwater contamination described above in accordance with Article 22A of the Health Code. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in any significant impacts related to hazardous materials that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

-

Weden, Martita, Email to Sandy Ngan - SMED 1087 131 Missouri. Dated November 13, 2014. A copy of this email is available for public review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

²⁰ Innovative & Creative Environmental Solutions, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment at 131 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA March 15, 2000. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

Innovative & Creative Environmental Solutions, Phase II Environmental Site Assessment at 131 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA April 17, 2000. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

Naturally Occurring Asbestos

The proposed project would involve approximately three feet of below ground surface excavation and approximately 600 cubic yards of soil disturbance within an area that is underlain by serpentine bedrock.

Therefore, the proposed project's construction would potentially release serpentinite into the atmosphere. Serpentinite commonly contains naturally occurring chrysotile asbestos (NOA) or tremolite-actinolite, a fibrous mineral that can be hazardous to human health if airborne emissions are inhaled. In the absence of proper controls, NOA could become airborne during excavation and handling of excavated materials. On-site workers and the public could be exposed to airborne asbestos unless appropriate control measures are implemented. Although the California Air Resources Board (ARB) has not identified a safe exposure level for asbestos in residential areas, exposure to low levels of asbestos for short periods of time poses minimal risk.²² To address health concerns from exposure to NOA, ARB enacted an Asbestos Airborne Toxic Control Measure (ATCM) for Construction, Grading, Quarrying, and Surface Mining Operations in July 2001. The requirements established by the Asbestos ATCM are contained in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 17, Section 93105²³ and are enforced by the BAAQMD.

The Asbestos ATCM requires construction activities in areas where NOA is likely to be found to employ best available dust control measures. Additionally, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved the Construction Dust Control Ordinance in 2008 to reduce fugitive dust generated during construction activities. The requirements for dust control as identified in the Construction Dust Control Ordinance are as effective as the dust control measures identified in the Asbestos ATCM. Thus, the measures required in compliance with the Construction Dust Control Ordinance would protect the workers themselves as well as the public from fugitive dust that may also contain asbestos. The project sponsor would be required to comply with the Construction Dust Control Ordinance, which would ensure that significant exposure to NOA would not occur. Therefore, the proposed project would not result in a hazard to the public or environment from exposure to NOA.

For the above reasons, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts related to hazards or hazardous materials that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
16.	MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES— Would the project:				
a)	Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				\boxtimes
b)	Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?				

²² California Air Resources Board, Fact Sheet #1 Health Information on Asbestos, 2002. Available online at: http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/Asbestos/Ihealth.pdf. Accessed August 18, 2014.

²³ California Air Resources Board, Operations, July 29, 2002.

Topics:		Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
c)	Encourage activities which result in the use of large amounts of fuel, water, or energy, or use these in a wasteful manner?				\boxtimes

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that the Area Plan would facilitate the construction of both new residential units and commercial buildings. Development of these uses would not result in use of large amounts of fuel, water, or energy in a wasteful manner or in the context of energy use throughout the City and region. The energy demand for individual buildings would be typical for such projects and would meet, or exceed, current state and local codes and standards concerning energy consumption, including Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations enforced by DBI. The Plan Area does not include any natural resources routinely extracted and the rezoning does not result in any natural resource extraction programs. Therefore, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR concluded that implementation of the Area Plan would not result in a significant impact on mineral and energy resources. No mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR.

As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on mineral and energy resources beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Тор	ics:	Significant Impact Peculiar to Project or Project Site	Significant Impact not Identified in PEIR	Significant Impact due to Substantial New Information	No Significant Impact not Previously Identified in PEIR
17.	AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES:—Would the project:				
a)	Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?	· 🗀			
b)	Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?				\boxtimes
c)	Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code Section 12220(g)) or timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code Section 4526)?				
d)	Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?				\boxtimes
e)	Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to non-agricultural use or forest land to non-forest use?				

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR determined that no agricultural resources exist in the Area Plan; therefore, the rezoning and community plans would have no effect on agricultural resources. No

mitigation measures were identified in the PEIR. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR did not analyze the effects on forest resources.

As the proposed project is within the development projected under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, there would be no additional impacts on agriculture and forest resources beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Hazards and Hazardous Waste

Project Mitigation Measure 1- Hazardous Building Materials (Eastern Neighborhoods Mitigation Measure L-1)

The City shall condition further development approvals to require that the subsequent project sponsors ensure that any equipment containing PCBs or DEPH, such as fluorescent light ballasts, are removed and property disposed of according to applicable federal, state, and local laws prior to the start of renovation, and that any florescent light tubes, which could contain mercury, are similarly removed and properly disposed of. Any other hazardous materials identified, either before or during work, shall be abated according to applicable federal, state, and local laws.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION (continued)

The proposed project would demolish the existing on-site vacant warehouse building and construct a four-story, 40-foot-tall (excluding the 16-foot-tall elevator penthouse above the structural roof), approximately 21,155 square-foot residential building. The residential building would have 15,130 square feet of residential use, 4,560 square feet of parking use, and 1,465 square feet of common/stairs/entry use to accommodate a garage on the ground-floor level, nine two-bedroom units on the ground through fourth-floor levels, and an approximately 475 square-foot common deck on the roof. The ground-floor garage, accessed via Missouri Street, would accommodate nine off-street parking spaces (including one ADA van accessible space) and nine Class I bicycle parking spaces. The building would include a four-foot-tall parapet, a 16-foot-tall elevator penthouse, and a 10-foot-tall stair penthouse above the 40-foot-tall structural roof (56-foot-tall at the top of the penthouses). The proposed project at 131 Missouri Street would involve approximately three feet of below ground surface excavation and approximately 600 cubic yards of soil disturbance.

PROJECT APPROVAL

The proposed project is subject to Neighborhood Notification per Planning Code Section 312. If discretionary review before the Planning Commission is requested, the discretionary review hearing is the Approval Action for the project. If no discretionary review is requested, the issuance of the building permit 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.

COMMUNITY PLAN EXEMPTION OVERVIEW

California Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183 provide an exemption from environmental review for projects that are consistent with the development density established by existing zoning, community plan or general plan policies for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was certified, except as might be necessary to examine whether there are project-specific significant effects which are peculiar to the project or its site. Section 15183 specifies that examination of environmental effects shall be limited to those effects that: a) are peculiar to the project or parcel on which the project would be located; b) were not analyzed as significant effects in a prior EIR on the zoning action, general plan or community plan with which the project is consistent; c) are potentially significant off-site and cumulative impacts that were not discussed in the underlying EIR; or d) are previously identified in the EIR, but which, as a result of substantial new information that was not known at the time that the EIR was certified, are determined to have a more severe adverse impact than that discussed in the underlying EIR. Section 15183(c) specifies that if an impact is not peculiar to the parcel or to the proposed project, then an EIR need not be prepared for the project solely on the basis of that impact.

This determination evaluates the potential project-specific environmental effects of the 131 Missouri Street project described above, and incorporates by reference information contained in the Programmatic EIR for the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans (PEIR)¹. Project-specific studies were

¹ Planning Department Case No. 2004.0160E and State Clearinghouse No. 2005032048

prepared for the proposed project to determine if the project would result in any significant environmental impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

After several years of analysis, community outreach, and public review, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was adopted in December 2008. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was adopted in part to support housing development in some areas previously zoned to allow industrial uses, while preserving an adequate supply of space for existing and future production, distribution, and repair (PDR) employment and businesses. The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR also included changes to existing height and bulk districts in some areas, including the project site at 131 Missouri Street.

The Planning Commission held public hearings to consider the various aspects of the proposed Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans and related Planning Code and Zoning Map amendments. On August 7, 2008, the Planning Commission certified the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR by Motion 17659 and adopted the Preferred Project for final recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.^{2,3}

In December 2008, after further public hearings, the Board of Supervisors approved and the Mayor signed the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Planning Code amendments. New zoning districts include districts that would permit PDR uses in combination with commercial uses; districts mixing residential and commercial uses and residential and PDR uses; and new residential-only districts. The districts replaced existing industrial, commercial, residential single-use, and mixed-use districts.

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR is a comprehensive programmatic document that presents an analysis of the environmental effects of implementation of the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans, as well as the potential impacts under several proposed alternative scenarios. The Eastern Neighborhoods Draft EIR evaluated three rezoning alternatives, two community-proposed alternatives which focused largely on the Mission District, and a "No Project" alternative. The alternative selected, or the Preferred Project, represents a combination of Options B and C. The Planning Commission adopted the Preferred Project after fully considering the environmental effects of the Preferred Project and the various scenarios discussed in the PEIR.

A major issue of discussion in the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning process was the degree to which existing industrially-zoned land would be rezoned to primarily residential and mixed-use districts, thus reducing the availability of land traditionally used for PDR employment and businesses. Among other topics, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR assesses the significance of the cumulative land use effects of the rezoning by analyzing its effects on the City's ability to meet its future PDR space needs as well as its ability to meet its housing needs as expressed in the City's General Plan.

As a result of the Eastern Neighborhoods rezoning process, the project site has been rezoned to UMU (Urban Mixed Use) District. The UMU District is intended to promote a vibrant mix of uses while maintaining the characteristics of this formerly industrially-zoned area. It is also intended to serve as a buffer between residential districts and PDR districts in the Eastern Neighborhoods. The proposed project and its relation to PDR land supply and cumulative land use effects is discussed further in the Community Plan Exemption (CPE) Checklist, under Land Use. The 131 Missouri Street site, which is

²San Francisco Planning Department. Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), Planning Department Case No. 2004.0160E, certified August 7, 2008. Available online at: http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1893, accessed August 17, 2012.

³ San Francisco Planning Department. San Francisco Planning Commission Motion 17659, August 7, 2008. Available online at: http://www.sf-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=1268, accessed August 17, 2012.

located in the Showplace Hill/Potrero Hill area of the Eastern Neighborhoods, was designated as a site with building up to 40 feet in height.

Individual projects that could occur in the future under the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans will undergo project-level environmental evaluation to determine if they would result in further impacts specific to the development proposal, the site, and the time of development and to assess whether additional environmental review would be required. This determination concludes that the proposed project at 131 Missouri Street is consistent with and was encompassed within the analysis in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR. This determination also finds that the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR adequately anticipated and described the impacts of the proposed 131 Missouri Street project, and identified the mitigation measures applicable to the 131 Missouri Street project. The proposed project is also consistent with the zoning controls and the provisions of the Planning Code applicable to the project site.^{4,5} Therefore, no further CEQA evaluation for the 131 Missouri Street project is required. In sum, the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and this Certificate of Exemption for the proposed project comprise the full and complete CEQA evaluation necessary for the proposed project.

PROJECT SETTING

The project site is located on the east side of Missouri Street between 17th Street and Mariposa Street in the Potrero Hill neighborhood and is approximately three blocks west of Interstate-280. The immediate area around the project is characterized by a mix of residential, commercial, and industrial uses. To the north, adjacent the project site, is a mixed-used residential building with industrial uses on the ground floor and residential uses on the second and third floors. To the south, adjacent to the project site, is a two-story single family home. To the west, across Missouri Street from the project site, is the Monte Cristo Club. The project site is primarily surrounded by residential uses from single-family homes to two-unit and three-unit residential structures ranging from one to three stories. The Live Oak School is located approximately two blocks southwest of the project site.

POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR included analyses of environmental issues including: land use; plans and policies; visual quality and urban design; population, housing, business activity, and employment (growth inducement); transportation; noise; air quality; parks, recreation and open space; shadow; archeological resources; historic architectural resources; hazards; and other issues not addressed in the previously issued initial study for the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans. The proposed 131 Missouri Street project is in conformance with the height, use and density for the site described in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and would represent a small part of the growth that was forecast for the Eastern Neighborhoods plan areas. Thus, the plan analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR considered the incremental impacts of the proposed 131 Missouri Street project. As a result, the proposed

⁴ Adam Varat, San Francisco Planning Department, Community Plan Exemption Eligibility Determination, Citywide Planning and Policy Analysis, 131 Missouri Street, September 13, 2014. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

⁵ Joslin, Jeff, San Francisco Planning Department, Community Plan Exemption Eligibility Determination, Current Planning Analysis, 131 Missouri Street, December 15, 2014. This document is available for review at the San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, as part of Case File No. 2013.0744E.

project would not result in any new or substantially more severe impacts than were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Significant and unavoidable impacts were identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR for the following topics: land use, historic architectural resources, transportation and circulation, and shadow. The proposed project would result in a net loss of approximately 4,500 square feet of PDR building space and would contribute to any impact related to loss of PDR uses that was identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR. However, the loss of 4,500 square feet of existing PDR use is not substantial in light of the existing PDR supply. The 7,500 square-foot site is not a substantial PDR opportunity and would not result in a considerable contribution to any impact related to the loss of PDR uses. In addition, the proposed project would involve the demolition a building determined not to be historic resources by Preservation staff; therefore, demolition of the building would not result in a significant impact on historic resources. Traffic and transit ridership generated by the project would not considerably contribute to the traffic and transit impacts identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR. A shadow study was not required for the proposed project because the proposed project building height would be 40 feet (excluding the stair/elevator penthouse). The proposed project building is not expected to shade any Planning Code Section 295 or non-section 295 open spaces. The proposed project would shade nearby sidewalks, but at levels commonly expected in urban areas.

The Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR identified feasible mitigation measures to address significant impacts related to noise, air quality, archeological resources, historical resources, hazardous materials, and transportation. **Table 1** below lists the mitigation measures identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR and states whether each measure would apply to the proposed project.

Table 1 – Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Measure	Applicability
F. Noise	
F-1: Construction Noise (Pile Driving)	Not Applicable: pile driving not proposed
F-2: Construction Noise	Not Applicable: pile driving not proposed
F-3: Interior Noise Levels	Not Applicable: project is subject to California Noise Insulation Standards in Title 24.
F-4: Siting of Noise-Sensitive Uses	Applicable: project would add noise sensitive uses in an area where noise levels exceed 60 dBA (Ldn). The requirements of this mitigation measure have been completed during the environmental review process through the preparation of a noise study. No further mitigation is required.
F-5: Siting of Noise-Generating Uses	Not Applicable: project would is not expected to generate excessive noise levels.
F-6: Open Space in Noisy Environments	Applicable: project would add open space in in an area where noise levels exceed 60 dBA (Ldn). The majority of open space is shielded by the proposed building. The requirements of

Mitigation Measure	Applicability
	this mitigation measure have been complied with as part of this environmental review process through the preparation of a noise study. No further mitigation is required.
G. Air Quality	
G-1: Construction Air Quality	Not Applicable: project would comply with the San Francisco Dust Control Ordinance.
G-2: Air Quality for Sensitive Land Uses	Not Applicable: project site is not in the Air Pollutant Exposure Zone.
G-3: Siting of Uses that Emit DPM	Not Applicable: proposed residential uses are not uses that would emit substantial levels of DPM.
G-4: Siting of Uses that Emit other TACs	Not Applicable: proposed residential land uses are not uses that would emit substantial levels of other TACs.
J. Archeological Resources	
J-1: Properties with Previous Studies	Not Applicable: project site does not contain any previous archaeological studies.
J-2: Properties with no Previous Studies	Applicable: project site is located in an area with no previous archaeological studies. The requirements of this mitigation measure have been complied with as part of this environmental review process. No further mitigation is required.
J-3: Mission Dolores Archeological District	Not Applicable: project site is not located within the Mission Dolores Archaeological District.
K. Historical Resources	
K-1: Interim Procedures for Permit Review in the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan Area	Not Applicable: plan-level mitigation completed by Planning Department.
K-2: Amendments to Article 10 of the Planning Code Pertaining to Vertical Additions in the South End Historic District (East SoMa)	Not Applicable: plan-level mitigation completed by Planning Commission.
K-3: Amendments to Article 10 of the Planning Code Pertaining to Alterations and Infill Development in the Dogpatch Historic District (Central Waterfront)	Not Applicable: plan-level mitigation completed by Planning Commission
L. Hazardous Materials	

Mitigation Measure	Applicability
L-1: Hazardous Building Materials	Applicable: project involves demolition of an existing building.
E. Transportation	
E-1: Traffic Signal Installation	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA
E-2: Intelligent Traffic Management	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA
E-3: Enhanced Funding	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA & SFTA.
E-4: Intelligent Traffic Management	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA & Planning Department.
E-5: Enhanced Transit Funding	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.
E-6: Transit Corridor Improvements	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.
E-7: Transit Accessibility	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.
E-8: Muni Storage and Maintenance	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.
E-9: Rider Improvements	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.
E-10: Transit Enhancement	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.
E-11: Transportation Demand Management	Not Applicable: plan level mitigation by SFMTA.

Please see the attached Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the complete text of the applicable mitigation measures. With implementation of these mitigation measures, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts beyond those analyzed in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

Several projects are proposed in the immediate project area. They include, but are not limited to: 1601-1677 Mariposa Street (8,823 square feet retail, 316 residential units), 98 Pennsylvania Avenue (45 residential units), 88 Arkansas Street (125 residential units), and 1301 16th Street (276 residential units) Given the proposed project's size at nine residential units, it would not contribute to any cumulative impact resulting from projects in the project area.

In addition, the project proposed would result in the placement of residential uses in close proximity to the Monte Cristo Club, a noise generating use, at 136 Missouri Street. On December 16, 2014, San

Francisco Board of Supervisors Supervisor London Breed introduced legislation that would amend the San Francisco Building, Administrative, Planning and Police Codes to address noise-related issues arising when the City considers development proposals that would place either residential land uses or Places of Entertainment (POEs) in close proximity to one another. The amendments would provide for the evaluation of noise associated with existing and new POEs, disclosure of potential noise to lessors and sellers of residential property, and attenuation of exterior noise for new residential structures. The proposed project would comply with the noise legislation introduced by Supervisor Breed (if approved) given its proximity to the Monte Cristo Club, an existing POE. The proposed project would comply with the noise legislation introduced by Supervisor Breed (if approved) given its proximity to the Monte Cristo Club, an existing POE.

PUBLIC NOTICE AND COMMENT

A "Notification of Project Receiving Environmental Review" was mailed on May 19, 2014 to adjacent occupants and owners of properties within 300 feet of the project site. Overall, concerns and issues raised by the public in response to the notice were taken into consideration and incorporated in the environmental review as appropriate for CEQA analysis. Two individuals expressed concerns regarding the proposed project related to aesthetics, neighborhood character, building height, air quality, noise, shadow, parking, traffic circulation, geology, soils, hydrology, and water quality. The Community Plan Exemption Checklist addresses these concerns, as they relate to physical environmental effects, in the applicable checklist topics –Aesthetics (Page 12), Land Use (Page 12), Transportation and Circulation (Page 16), Noise (Page 20), Air Quality (Page 23), Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Page 25), Wind (Page 26), Shadow (Page 26), Geology (Page 30), Hydrology (Page 32), and Hazards and Hazardous Materials (Page 33). Comments regarding the design, height and bulk restrictions, and Planning Code requirements were noted and forwarded to Current Planning staff, which would review the entitlement application and provide recommendations to the Planning Commission.

The proposed project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts associated with the issues identified by the public beyond those identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR.

CONCLUSION

As summarized above and further discussed in the CPE Checklist⁶:

- 1. The proposed project is consistent with the development density established for the project site in the Eastern Neighborhoods Rezoning and Area Plans;
- 2. The proposed project would not result in effects on the environment that are peculiar to the project or the project site that were not identified as significant effects in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR;
- 3. The proposed project would not result in potentially significant off-site or cumulative impacts that were not identified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR;

⁶ The CPE Checklist is available for review at the Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, in Case File No. 2013.0744E.

- 4. The proposed project would not result in significant effects, which, as a result of substantial new information that was not known at the time the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR was certified, would be more severe than were already analyzed and disclosed in the PEIR; and
- 5. The project sponsor will undertake feasible mitigation measures specified in the Eastern Neighborhoods PEIR to mitigate project-related significant impacts.

Therefore, the proposed project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21083.3 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.