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To the Board of Supervisors:

We are in receipt of a letter from Adrian Verhagen of the Department of Public Works (DPW) regarding a subdivision of a building at 2146-2150 Union Street. The subdivision will result in a height increase of the building of at least 10 feet.

We have lived at 2134 Green Street since 1972. The Union Street building in question is directly north of us and in our line of vision. The height increase will have a negative effect on our view and, therefore, on the value of our property. Approval of this project also sets a negative precedent for height increases in future building renovations on that historic block.

That area of Union Street is already overburdened with people and activity. The renovation provides for additional living units without any provision for additional parking. Also, the permit allows for not one but two roof decks—a source of both unmitigated noise for its neighbors and potential catastrophe, as roof decks are frequently sites of overcrowded and alcohol-infused gatherings. (The building is next door to a very popular bar.)

What is particularly offensive about approval having been granted for this renovation by the DPW is the fact that tentative approval was granted well prior to our receiving notice of the project. Said notice claims to inform us of our "right to appeal this tentative approval"; but the intention of the Department to disregard any appeal was made clear by sending us notice of this project only **after** work on the renovation had already begun.

It seems obvious that the Board of Supervisors will not rule requiring the DPW to rescind approval of the renovation at 2146-2150 Union Street and force the owner to cancel the project and have already completed work removed.

However, what the Board of Supervisors can do is require that the DPW govern future construction projects in the City with more discipline, foresight, and increased regard for the effect proposed construction will have upon the surrounding area and its residents.

Sincerely yours,

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## Wong, Jocelyn (BOS)

From: Dave Stone <davemstone1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 8:28 AM

To: BOS Legislation, (BOS)

Subject: Height addition at Union Street APN 0533/014

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## Dear Ms. Jocelyn Wong:

We never received pre-notification of the height addition at Union Street APN 0533/014, although we live within one block and our view will be affected. We also worry about future construction which will have an even more detrimental affect on our building's views and therefore property values. We have read the appeal letter filed by Ron Zagoria, and we agree 100% with its contents. To raise the Union Street height levels will ruin the neighborhood and will ruin many views for which we residents paid dearly. All to benefit landlords who want to squeeze more revenue out of their commercial buildings. That's hardly fair. They've already started construction, which seems very improper to us. Please consider the interests of neighbors in making your growth decisions.

Thank you, David Stone Darryl Donoian 2100 Green Street, #306 (Co-op unit) San Francisco, CA 94123