EXHIBIT A

STANDARD FINDINGS FOR SAN FRANCISCO BUILDING STANDARDS CODE AMENDMENTS

- Certain buildings/occupancies in San Francisco are at increased risk for earthquake-induced failure and consequent fire due to local hazardous microzones, slide areas, and local liquefaction hazards. (Geology)
- 2. Certain buildings/occupancies in San Francisco are at increased risk of fire due to high density of buildings on very small lots, with many buildings built up to the property lines. (Topography)
- 3. Topography of San Francisco has let to development of a high density of buildings on small lots, necessitating special provisions for exiting, fire separation, or fire-resistive construction. (Topography)
- 4. Many buildings are built on steep hills and narrow streets, requiring special safety consideration. (Topography)
- 5. Additional fire, structural and other protection is required due to high building density and crowded occupancy. (Topography)
- 6. San Francisco has narrow, crowded sidewalks due to building and population density and unusual topography. (Topography)
- 7. All rain water in San Francisco drains to the building drains and sewer; unusual geology, occasional extremely high local rainfall amounts, and the configuration of the City as a peninsula restrict the installation of separate storm water and sewer systems. (Topography, Climate, Geology)
- 8. Moist, corrosive atmosphere of salt-laden fog in San Francisco necessitates additional requirements. (Climate)
- 9. Not a building standard; no local findings required.
- 10. Soil conditions in this region induce adverse reactions with some materials, leading to premature failures and subsequent unsanitary conditions. (Climate)
- 11. The region is subject to fluctuating rainfall due to changes in climatic conditions. (Climate)
- 12. San Francisco is a peninsula surrounded on three sides by water at sea

- level; mitigation of climate change impacts, including sea level rise, is critical to the long term protection of the local built environment and local infrastructure. (Topography)
- 13. Climate and potential climate change impacts San Francisco's water resources, including reservoirs and distribution facilities. (Climate)
- 14. Organic material in San Francisco's waste breaks down into methane gas which is a significant contributor to climate change. (Climate)
- 15. San Francisco is topographically constrained and its built environment occupies most available land, requiring minimization of debris and solid waste. (Topography)
- 16. Prevailing winds, coastal mountain ranges, and periodic seasonal high temperatures contribute to photochemical reactions that produce smog and ozone; limiting the emission of smog's chemical precursors volatile organic chemicals and oxides of nitrogen is necessary to health and safety. (Climate, Topography)
- 17. The aquifers underlying San Francisco are small relative to local population, necessitating ongoing water imports and special provisions to ensure efficient use of water in local buildings. (Geology)

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