

From: [Gillian Pressman](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for 1420 Taraval Project
Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2020 2:31:49 PM
Attachments: [1420 Taraval Letter of Support_YIMBY Action.pdf](#)

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of YIMBY Action, we are pleased to support the proposed project at 1420 Taraval Street. Our letter of support is attached.

Gillian

Gillian Pressman

Director of Development | Pronouns: she/her



c. (914)-874-4973

e. gillian@yimbyaction.org

[Become a member of YIMBY Action now!](#)



YIMBY Action advocates for welcoming communities where everyone can thrive.
yimbyaction.org

Board of Supervisors

City of San Francisco

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244

San Francisco, CA 94102

May 20, 2020

RE: Support for Redevelopment of 1420 Taraval into a mixed use building with 3 units

Dear Board of Supervisors:

YIMBY Action is pleased to support the proposed project at 1420 Taraval Street. This project would convert an existing single family home into a mixed-use building with 3 housing units, adding a net increase of 2 housing units. This project will help address our citywide housing shortage and in particular, our need for more homes in transit-accessible and opportunity-rich areas like the Taraval Street Neighborhood Commercial District. It is also critical that historically exclusionary areas like the Sunset District commit to building more housing and welcoming more neighbors.

YIMBY Action is a network of pro-housing activists fighting for more inclusive housing policies. Our vision is an integrated society where every person has access to a safe, affordable home near jobs, services, and opportunity.

San Francisco's severe housing shortage is causing skyrocketing homelessness and poverty, crippling our economy, and leading to debilitating commutes that

exacerbate our global climate crisis. These impacts fall disproportionately on our city's low-income workers and families, and disproportionately deny access to opportunity to communities of color. This project will help address the housing shortage and ensure a welcoming San Francisco where everyone can thrive.

Best regards,

Laura Foote

YIMBY Action, Executive Director



YIMBY Action advocates for welcoming communities where everyone can thrive.
yimbyaction.org

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Save 1420 Taraval St. from demolition.
Date: Monday, May 18, 2020 9:44:07 AM

Hello,

The attached is for File No. 200261.

Thank you,

Jackie Hickey
Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689
Phone: (415) 554-5184 | Direct: (415) 554-7701
jacqueline.hickey@sfgov.org | www.sfbos.org

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Reuther <lagniappe92@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 17, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Save 1420 Taraval St. from demolition.

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Please stop the demolition of 1420 Taraval St.

It is a historic home that must be preserved!

From: Megan G. Smith <smith_megan@att.net>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:10 PM
To: BOS Legislation, (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Stefani, Catherine (BOS); Peskin, Aaron (BOS); gordonmar@sfgov.org; Preston, Dean (BOS); Haney, Matt (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Mandelman, Rafael (BOS); Ronen, Hillary; Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Cc: Mike Buhler
Subject: Save 1420 Taraval Street
Attachments: SF Heritage - 1420 Taraval Appeal (SUPPORT)-1.pdf
Categories: 200261

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Supervisors,

Please do not allow the demolition of 1420 Taraval Street to take place.

If a house has been noted as worth saving by San Francisco Heritage, it should be saved. I attach a copy of Heritage's letter which you all received earlier in the month.

The house dates from 1907 & was built by Hugh Keenan of Cranston & Keenan who built the Grateful Dead house at 710 Ashbury St.

I am a longtime member of the Victorian Alliance and these historic houses matter to the fabric of our city for charm and educational purposes, not to mention the tourist dollars.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Smith
415 285-2881

This message may contain confidential information. Please notify me if you receive it in error and delete it.



March 12, 2020

Board of Supervisors
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Appeal of Conditional Use Authorization - 1420 Taraval Street

Dear Supervisors:

I write in support of the Sunset-Parkside Education and Action Committee's appeal to deny the proposed project at 1420 Taraval Street (Block 2353, Lot No. 010). Certification of Conditional Use Authorization 2018-011904CUA would demolish an excellent example of one of the Parkside District's few surviving early houses.

San Francisco Heritage (Heritage) is committed to the preservation of the city's unique architectural and cultural identity in every corner of the city. The Parkside and Supervisorial District 4 is woefully underrepresented on the city's official inventory of historic properties. Halting this project and retaining 1420 Taraval is consistent with city policy that "existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods." (Planning Code, Section 101.1(b).)

As one of the first houses built by builder Hugh C. Keenan for the Parkside District Realty Company, 1420 Taraval (built in 1907) is one of a small number of properties connected to the district's creation and early development. As recognized by Planning Department staff, the property is significant under evaluation guidelines for state historical resources under Criteria 1 and 3. Heritage disagrees with the subsequent CEQA categorical exemption determination claiming 1420 Taraval lacked sufficient physical integrity to be considered a historic resource.

The *Secretary of Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties* specifically contemplate—and provide guidance for reversing—minor alterations to older buildings such as 1420 Taraval. The house's porch pillars may have been altered and windows replaced, but 1420 Taraval survives overwhelmingly intact today. The integrity of properties in historically working-class neighborhoods should be considered contextually. If a simple change such as replacing windows were to become the threshold for determining loss of integrity, it would reinforce a perception that only civic structures and residences of the wealthy elite are worthy of recognition and protection.

Please uphold this appeal and deny this project. San Francisco Heritage is committed to working with the property owner and providing technical assistance to sensitively reverse alterations to the building, initiate designation of the house as a historic resource, secure any available preservation-based financial incentives, and explore appropriate ways to add residential units to the property while preserving the original home. As an example, neighboring properties are built to the lot line and Heritage encourages examining the feasibility of adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit in the backyard.

Sincerely,

Mike Buhler
President & CEO