

From: [Paul Guermonprez](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street – File # 200284
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:43:24 AM
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To: SF Board of Supervisors

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Re: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street – File # 200284

July 22, 2020

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From: [Bridget Maley](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Appeal of CEQA Exemption - 2651-2653 Octavia Street - Hearing July 28, 2020
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:35:31 AM
Attachments: [Maley Ltr July 23 2020 CEQA Appeal 2651-53 Octavia Street.pdf](#)

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To Whom it May Concern - See the attached letter and photographs regarding the Appeal of the CEQA Exemption for 2651-2653.

Thank you,

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July 23, 2020

Angela Calvillo
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Appeal of San Francisco Planning Department CEQA Categorical Exemption for 2651-2653 Octavia Street, Case No. 2018-011022PRJ (Block 0554/Lot002)

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

When the CEQA Categorical Exemption for the above project was issued, the Planning Department (Department) failed to take into account if the project would result in any impacts to the Golden Gate Valley Branch of San Francisco Public Library at 1801 Green Street, just to the north of the subject property. The Department did not provide any publicly accessible, detailed analysis of impacts to the Library by the proposed adjacent project. The department did not complete an Historic Resources Evaluation Part 2 to apply *the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* and assess impacts to the adjacent Library. Second, the Shadow Analysis provided by the project applicant, and included in the Discretionary Review Packet provided to the Planning Commissioners for the February 6, 2020 meeting, is dated December 1, 2019, post-dating the Categorical Exemption of September 5, 2019. How could this analysis have been factored into the Categorical Exemption or have provided any guidance of the Planning Department's analysis if it was submitted AFTER the Categorical Exemption? I have attached several photographs (on two supplemental pages) that illustrate how the south facing windows that provide natural light into the library reading room, a character-defining feature of this Landmark-eligible historic resource.

In its response to the above referenced appeal, the Planning Department issued a response dated July 20, 2020 and included Appendix C, a Historic Preservation Review Memo, dated July 12, 2020. Why is this memo being provided now? Would it not be more appropriate to issue such a memorandum or a Part II Historic Resources Evaluation in tandem with the issuance of the Categorical Exemption so that the public could have understand how the Department determined that there were no impacts to the Library, a known historic resource?

Procedurally, the CEQA Categorical Exemption was issued without benefit of the Historic Preservation Review included in the City's Response to this appeal and dated July 12, 2020.

Sincerely,



Bridget Maley

Photographs showing how natural light floods the library interior space.

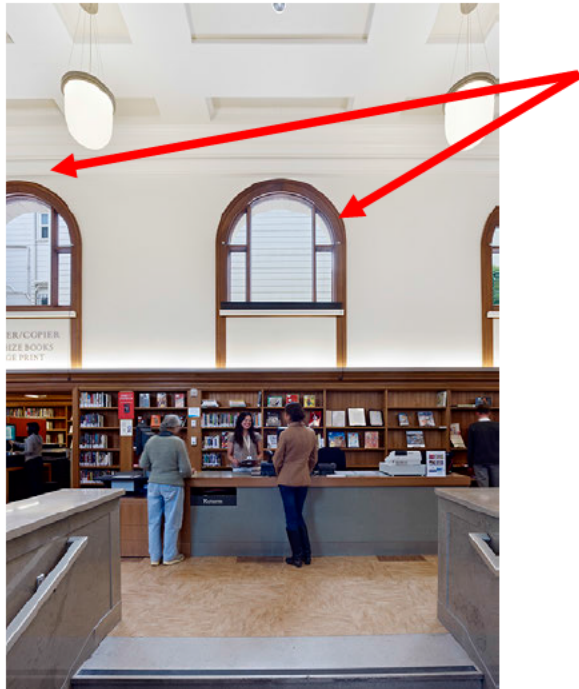


Above: Golden Gate Valley Branch Library, interior looking southwest, 2012 after renovation. (Source: TEF Design).

Below: Golden Gate Valley Branch Library, interior looking east, 2012 after renovation. The subject building which would be increased in size is visible. (Source: TEF Design).



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Above: Golden Gate Valley Branch Library, interior looking south, 2012 after renovation, the subject building which would be increased in size is visible. (Source: TEF Design).

Below: Golden Gate Valley Branch Library, interior looking south out windows showing relationship with adjacent building, 2012 after renovation. (Source: TEF Design).



From: [Letitia Yang](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street – File # 200284
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 10:59:29 AM

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With kind regards,

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From: [Diane Valenti](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street – File # 200284
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Thank you for your consideration, Diane

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Diane C. Valenti

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From: [DIANA MITCHELL](#)
To: [BOS Legislation. \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Green Street Library
Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020 1:07:36 AM

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Re: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - [2651-2653 Octavia Street](#) –
File # 200284

July 21, 2020

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Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

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From: [Tracy](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Green St Library File # 200284
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:50:41 PM
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From: anne.bouse@yahoo.com
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
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Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 9:36:14 PM

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Regards,
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From: [Janet Bailey](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street - File # 200284
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 6:58:51 PM
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Janet Bailey

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From: [Ming-Ji Chang](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street – File # 200284
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From: [Donatella Dina](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 200284. Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination 2651-2653 Octavia
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From: [Katherine Reilly](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BOS in support of Appeal File200284.docx
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 3:44:20 PM
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From: [Elysse Bell](#)
To: [BOS Legislation..\(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination - 2651-2653 Octavia Street – File # 200284
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From: [William K Reilly](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Board Of Supervisors San Francisco, support of Appeal of CEQA Exemption Determination-2651-2653 Octavia Street-File#200284
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William K Reilly
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Dear Supervisors,

The windows of my living room, kitchen and two bedrooms all overlook the library and proposed construction on Octavia Street. I frequently have studied in the library. My own sense of the protection the library requires is its window light, especially in winter, and its solar panels. The library is an urban jewel! I have a masters in urban planning from Columbia and special feeling for the elegant public buildings of an earlier era. And I hate to see their best properties crowded, obscured, infringed upon.

I urge you to protect the library.

Sincerely,

William K Reilly
MS Urban Planning
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Sent from my iPad

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