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1	[Preparation of Findings to Reverse the Categorical Exemption Determination - 1846 Grove Street]
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3	Motion directing the Clerk of the Board to prepare findings reversing the determination
4	by the Planning Department that the proposed project at 1846 Grove Street is
5	categorically exempt from further environmental review.
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7	WHEREAS, On September 5, 2019, the Planning Department issued a CEQA
8	Categorical Exemption Determination for the proposed project located at 1846 Grove Street
9	("Project") under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), the CEQA Guidelines,
10	and San Francisco Administrative Code, Chapter 31; and
11	WHEREAS, The project site is located on the block surrounded by Fulton Street to the
12	north, Masonic Avenue to the east, Grove Street to the south, and Ashbury Street to the west,
13	in the Haight Ashbury neighborhood; it includes a 3.5-foot-wide opening along Fulton Street,
14	widens at the rear to between approximately 90 and 100 feet and shares a property line with
15	16 adjacent lots; the lot slopes upward approximately 10 percent from the east to the west;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, The project proposes construction of four two-story, 18-feet 5-inch-tall
18	buildings including four dwelling units (two two-bedroom dwellings and two three-bedroom
19	dwellings) in the rear yard of the vacant lot, ranging from 1,026 to 1,407 square feet in size;
20	and
21	WHEREAS, The Planning Department, pursuant to Title 14 of the CEQA Guidelines
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23	(California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15300-15333),
24	issued a categorical exemption for the Project on September 5, 2019, finding that the
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1 proposed project is exempt from the CEQA under Class 3 - New Construction and a common 2 sense exemption, and that no further environmental review was required; and 3 WHEREAS, On April 9, 2020, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and approved a Conditional Use Authorization for the proposed project, which is 4 5 considered the approval action for the project; and 6 WHEREAS, On May 11, 2020, Brian Kingan ("Appellant") filed an appeal with the 7 Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the categorical exemption determination for 1846 Grove Street.; and 8 9 WHEREAS, By memorandum to the Clerk of the Board dated July 13, 2020, the 10 Planning Department's Environmental Review Officer determined that the appeal was timely filed; and 11 12 WHEREAS, On August 25, 2020, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to 13 consider the appeal of the exemption determination filed by Appellant; and 14 WHEREAS, In reviewing the appeal of the exemption determination, this Board 15 reviewed and considered the exemption determination, the appeal letter, the responses to the 16 appeal documents that the Planning Department prepared, the other written records before 17 the Board of Supervisors and all of the public testimony made in support of and opposed to 18 the exemption determination appeal; and 19 WHEREAS, Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors 20 conditionally reversed the exemption determination subject to the adoption of written findings 21 of the Board in support of such determination based on the written record before the Board of 22 Supervisors, as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support of and opposed to 23 the appeal; and WHEREAS, The written record and oral testimony in support of and opposed to the 24 25 appeal and deliberation of the oral and written testimony at the public hearing before the

1	Board of Supervisors by all parties and the public in support of and opposed to the appeal of
2	the exemption determination is in the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors File No. 200746, and
3	is incorporated in this motion as though set forth in its entirety; now, therefore, be it
4	MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors directs the Clerk of the Board to prepare the
5	findings specifying the basis for its decision on the appeal of the exemption determination
6	issued by the Planning Department for the Project.
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