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FW: I oppose the landlocked lot construction project at 1846 Grove
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Subject: I oppose the landlocked lot construction project at 1846 Grove

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Dear Supervisors,

I am opposed to the proposed flag lot development at 1846 Grove Street. The property's sole means of access and egress is a 3.5-foot wide (42 inches) by 50-foot long breezeway which is unsafe. In the event of a fire, earthquake or other adverse event, it could be difficult for residents to exit safely and quickly, especially if first responders were trying to enter simultaneously.

This would be further exacerbated by the fact that the development is much too dense: it is four units when the lot is only zoned for two. And what if a fire occurs near the egress or the older buildings bordering the tight breezeway? Historically, many flag lots in the city were purposely left vacant after the 1906 earthquake to act as a "fire block" to prevent rapid spread of fires.

Lastly, the investor has dismissed neighborhood input throughout the process. The developer has clearly stated that this project will not be affordable housing. They are only interested in selling the buildings at the highest price. This type of construction is not the solution we need to our housing crisis. Please vote to approve the appeal and overturn the Planning Commission's decision regarding the 1846 Grove Street project.

Thank you.

Jean Kellogg

Resident of condo at 1831 Fulton Street, directly ubutting the proposed project