

From: [Catherine Manhardt](#)
To: [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Comment: Oct. 27 Budget and Finance Hearing Item #7
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 12:29:28 PM

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Hello,

My name is Catherine and I am a member of the congregation at St James Episcopal Church located in the Richmond District of San Francisco. I am emailing to first commend San Francisco for the work this city has undertaken to provide safe housing and supportive services for people experiencing homelessness during this pandemic.

I also want to express my support for keeping San Francisco's Shelter in Place Hotels open until there is a firm plan in place to ensure that current residents of the SIP hotels are able to transition into safe, permanent housing. As others have noted, the SIP hotels and the funding for them from FEMA and the state of California have created a unique opportunity to make real gains toward eliminating homelessness and improving health outcomes for some of the most vulnerable people in San Francisco and I hope that the city will take full advantage of this pivotal moment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 425-346-2213 or cmanhardt@ses.CDSP.edu. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Catherine Manhardt

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Daisy Bodman](#)
To: [Jalipa Brent \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Keep SIP Hotels Open!
Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 10:52:40 AM

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Hello,

I am emailing in support of the city of San Francisco keeping hotel rooms open for people living on the street.

Thank you for receiving this.

Best,
Daisy

From: [Lois Scott](#)
To: anne.toupier@sfgov.org
Cc: [McSpadden, Shireen \(HOM\)](#); [Cohen, Emily \(HOM\)](#); [Jalipa, Brent \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: SHELTER IN PLACE REHOUSING PLAN TEMPLATE
Date: Monday, October 25, 2021 1:01:00 PM

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I am transmitting this for my friend Charley Marsteller through my email because his printer is not working and he does not have a current email address. You can reach him by phone.

Thank you for your attention to his good ideas.

October 25, 2021

TO: Anne Toupier
CC: Shireen McSpadden, Clerk and Members of Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee re item 7 on October 27 Agenda
FROM: Charles Marsteller, 415 292 3441

REGARDING A TEMPLATE FOR CONVERSION OF BUILDINGS TO HOUSE HOMELESS

Kathrin Moore suggested I write you with my suggestions for a template regarding conversion of housing for sf homeless when current rent paying tenants must also be accommodated. I am also sending these suggestions to the Board of Supervisors Budget and Finance Committee who are having a hearing on the City's Shelter in Place Rehousing Plan on October 27.

Two buildings provide a good illustration for a template.

I. The first is the Granada, 1000 Sutter at Gough Street, where the previous owner provided what I understand was a board and care facility for senior citizens.

At the time of the conversion, the new tenants were assigned units where such vacancies existed, i.e., at random and reports indicate that City supportive staff were not fully in place or trained. This has precipitated a series of lawsuits by the existing tenants.

II. The second example is the 112 unit building at 835 Turk Street, at Franklin Street, is more hopeful as there is still time for adjustment if you act quickly, as the conversion has not yet taken place.

Template items include:

- a. Placement on the sixth floor (20 units) of existing tenants presently residing in the building
- b. The Fire Marshall will likely require the encasement of the stairwell and the elevator shafts for FIRE safety. This will inherently secure access to each floor by a card key system throughout the building, enhancing both security and fire safety for all.
- c. SF Community Radio (102.5 FM) interviewed Mr. Steve Taylor of Taylor Engineering who discussed modernization of HVAC ventilation/cooling in SF buildings in a recent broadcast. He stated that with global climate change and forest fire smoke danger that the provision of roof-based HEPA-filtered air conditioning systems to simply cool building hallways could provide the smoke-free air cooling/conditioning SF will need to deal with our changing environment – including future pandemics.

Summary. These three questions provide a template for the conversion of sf housing to deal with the challenges presented to the City in housing the homeless.

Finally, it goes without saying that the placement of the supportive housing teams **MUST** precede the placement of new residents, given their acute needs.



San Francisco Tomorrow

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September 28, 2021

Re: File #210582, City's Shelter in Place Hotel Rehousing Plan

Dear Budget & Finance Committee,

San Francisco Tomorrow supports the goals of the Planning Department and the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for affordable housing in general, and for specialized facilities for permanent housing with supportive services for the homeless, in every district in the City.

However, when considering the acquisition of the Kimpton Buchanan Hotel in District 5, we urge you to balance the cultural integrity of Japantown, achieved with substantial public investment over the years, with the acknowledged needs of the homeless.

From an urban design perspective, the pedestrian-only block of Buchanan Street is the cultural heart of Japantown - anchored on each end by the Kimpton Buchanan Hotel and Hotel Kabuki. The combined 349 guest rooms and conference facilities are critical to activating streets, shops and restaurants. Already threatened by the pandemic recession and Japan Center's new owners, Japantown's heritage needs to be kept vibrant - a cultural equity issue for a community that has endured much injustice.

We urge the Department of Housing and Supportive Housing make timely evaluation of other nearby sites which are less in direct conflict with the adjacent small merchants and institutions serving thousands of people and visitors in the Asian and broader community.

In particular, we urge you to consider the California Pacific Medical Center campus at 2333 Buchanan Street, nearby in District 2. This site would be located only four blocks from the 1800 Sutter St site, yet would not interfere with the long-term survival of Japantown's cultural and economic vitality. It has the potential to be part of the local community's health services, including virus mitigation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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