



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Planning Commission Draft Motion

HEARING DATE: April 21, 2011

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*Case No.:* **2008.0968E**  
*Project Address:* **701 Lombard and 2000 Mason Streets**  
*Zoning:* Block Lot 74/01 North Beach Neighborhood Commercial to Public  
40-X to OS Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 74/01 and 75/01  
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE CERTIFICATION OF A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED NORTH BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY AND JOE DIMAGGIO PLAYGROUND MASTER PLAN PROJECT. THE MASTER PLAN PROJECT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, REZONING OF 701 LOMBARD TO PUBLIC USE ZONING DESIGNATION AND OPEN SPACE HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT; CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW, 8,500-SQUARE-FOOT BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING AT 701 LOMBARD STREET; DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 2000 MASON STREET; VACATION OF THE ONE BLOCK PORTION OF MASON STREET BETWEEN LOMBARD STREET AND COLUMBUS AVENUE; INTERDEPARTMENTAL TRANSFER OF THE FORMER MASON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO RECREATION AND PARK DEPARTMENT; MERGER OF LOT 1 ON ASSESSOR BLOCK 74 WITH FORMER MASON STREET; OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS IN FORMER MASON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY; REORGANIZATION OF RECREATION FACILITIES ON THE JOE DIMAGGIO PLAYGROUND; AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS, AS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT.

MOVED, that the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") hereby CERTIFIES the Final Environmental Impact Report identified as Case No. 2008.0968E at 701 Lombard and 2000 Mason Streets (hereinafter "Project"), based upon the following findings:

1. The City and County of San Francisco, acting through the Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") fulfilled all procedural requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (Cal. Pub. Res. Code Section 21000 *et seq.*, hereinafter "CEQA"), the State CEQA

Guidelines (Cal. Admin. Code Title 14, Section 15000 *et seq.*, (hereinafter “CEQA Guidelines”) and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code (hereinafter “Chapter 31”).

- A. The Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter “EIR”) was required and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on [April 29, 2009](#).
  - B. On [August 25, 2010](#), the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report (hereinafter “DEIR”) and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR for public review and comment and of the date and time of the Planning Commission public hearing on the DEIR; this notice was mailed to the Department’s list of persons requesting such notice.
  - C. Notices of availability of the DEIR and of the date and time of the public hearing were posted near the project site by Department staff on [August 25, 2010](#).
  - D. On [August 24, 2010](#), copies of the DEIR were mailed or otherwise delivered to a list of persons requesting it, to those noted on the distribution list in the DEIR, to adjacent property owners, and to government agencies, the latter both directly and through the State Clearinghouse.
  - E. Notice of Completion was filed with the State Secretary of Resources via the State Clearinghouse on [August 24, 2010](#).
2. The Commission held a duly advertised public hearing on said DEIR on [October 7, 2010](#) at which opportunity for public comment was given, and public comment was received on the DEIR. The period for acceptance of written comments ended on [October 12, 2010](#).
  3. The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the [48-day public review period](#) for the DEIR, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period, and corrected errors in the DEIR. This material was presented in a Draft Comments and Responses document, published on [April 7, 2011](#), distributed to the Commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR, and made available to others upon request at the Department.
  4. A Final Environmental Impact Report has been prepared by the Department, consisting of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, any consultations and comments received during the review process, any additional information that became available, and the Summary of Comments and Responses all as required by law.
  5. Project Environmental Impact Report files have been made available for review by the Commission and the public. These files are available for public review at the Department at 1650 Mission Street, and are part of the record before the Commission.

6. On [April 21, 2011](#), the Commission reviewed and considered the Final Environmental Impact Report and hereby does find that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the Final Environmental Impact Report was prepared, publicized, and reviewed comply with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code.
7. The project sponsor has indicated that the presently preferred alternative is the Proposed Project ("Master Plan"), described on pages 25-50 in the Final Environmental Impact Report.
8. The Planning Commission hereby does find that the Final Environmental Impact Report concerning [Case File No. 2008.0968E – North Beach Public Library and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan Project](#) reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the City and County of San Francisco, is adequate, accurate and objective, and that the Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the DEIR, and hereby does CERTIFY THE COMPLETION of said Final Environmental Impact Report in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines.
9. The Commission, in certifying the completion of said Final Environmental Impact Report, hereby does find that the project described in the Environmental Impact Report:
  - A. Will have a project-specific significant effect on the environment related to the demolition of the North Beach Branch Library, considered a potential historical resource for purposes of the CEQA analysis; and
  - B. Will have a significant effect on the environment in that it would contribute considerably to an adverse cumulative impact on a potential multiple property listing (e.g., historic district) identified for purposes of the CEQA analysis.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of [April 21, 2011](#).

Linda Avery  
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

ADOPTED: