



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Planning Commission Motion No. 17624

*Hearing Date:* June 19, 2008  
*Case No.:* **2007.0603E**  
*Project Name:* **San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) Seismic Compliance and Hospital Replacement Program**  
*Project Address:* **1001 Potrero Avenue**  
*Zoning:* P (Public) Use District  
105-E Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 4154-001  
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**ADOPTING ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS (AND A STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS) UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND STATE GUIDELINES IN CONNECTION WITH A FINDING OF GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY RELATED TO THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL SEISMIC COMPLIANCE, HOSPITAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND RELATED ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROJECT. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED ON THE SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL HOSPITAL CAMPUS, FACING POTRERO AVENUE BETWEEN 22ND STREET AND 23RD STREET IN SAN FRANCISCO.**

Whereas, the Planning Department has undertaken a planning and environmental review process for the proposed San Francisco General Hospital Seismic Compliance, Hospital Replacement Program ("Project") and provided for appropriate public hearings before the Planning Commission.

Whereas, the San Francisco General Hospital ("SFGH") Seismic Compliance, Hospital Replacement Program proposes to construct a new acute care hospital building at the SFGH Campus to provide for a seismically safe acute care hospital structure in compliance with Senate Bill 1953 and successor legislation.

Whereas, the Project approval actions listed in Attachment A ("Actions") are part of a series of considerations in connection with the adoption of the San Francisco General Hospital Seismic Compliance, Hospital Replacement Program and various implementation actions, as more particularly described in Attachment A.

Whereas, the Planning Department determined that an Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") was required for the proposed San Francisco General Hospital Seismic Compliance, Hospital Replacement Program, and provided public notice of that determination by publication in a newspaper of general circulation on August 2, 2007.

Whereas, the Planning Department held a public scoping meeting on August 28, 2007, to receive public input and testimony regarding the Environmental Review of the proposed project;

Whereas, the Planning Department on March 8, 2008, published the Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIR"). The Draft EIR was circulated for public review in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, California Public Resources Code section 21000 *et seq.*, ("CEQA Guidelines"), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code ("Chapter 31"). The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the Draft EIR on April 10, 2008 and received comments and questions through April 22, 2008;

Whereas, the Planning Department prepared responses to comments on the Draft EIR and published the Comments and Responses document on June 4, 2008, which together with the Draft EIR and additional information that became available, constitute the Final Environmental Impact Report ("Final EIR");

Whereas, the Planning Commission, on June 19, 2008, by Motion No. 17623 reviewed and considered the Final EIR and found that the contents of said report and the procedures through which the Final EIR was prepared, publicized, and reviewed complied with the provisions of CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines, and Chapter 31.

Whereas, the Planning Commission by Motion No. 17623 found that the Final EIR was adequate, accurate, and objective, reflected the independent judgment of the Planning Commission and that the Comments and Responses document contains no significant revisions to the Draft EIR, and adopted findings of significant impacts associated with the Project and certified the completion of the Final EIR for the Project in compliance with CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines;

Whereas, the Planning Department prepared proposed Findings, as required by CEQA, regarding the alternatives, mitigation measures, and significant environmental impacts analyzed in the Final EIR and overriding considerations for approving the Project, including all the Actions listed in Attachment A hereto, and a proposed mitigation monitoring and reporting program, attached as Exhibit 1 to Attachment A, which material was made available to the public and this Planning Commission for the Planning Commission's review, considerations and actions; now,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission certified the Final EIR as adequate, accurate, and objective, and reflecting the independent judgment of the Planning Commission in Motion No. 17623.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Planning Commission has reviewed and considered the Final EIR and hereby adopts the Project Findings attached hereto as Attachment A including a statement of overriding considerations, and including as Exhibit 1 the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Planning Commission finds, based on substantial evidence in light of the whole record, that: (1) approval of the actions before it related to implementation of the Project will not require important revisions to the Final EIR as there are no new significant environmental effects or substantial increases in the severity of previously identified significant effects; (2) no new information of substantial importance to the Project has become available that would indicate (a) the Project or the approval actions will have significant effects not discussed in the Final EIR, (b) significant environmental effects will be substantially more severe; (c) mitigation measures or alternatives found not feasible that would reduce one or more significant effects have become feasible; or (d) mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those in the Final EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was **ADOPTED** by the Planning Commission at its regular meeting of June 19, 2008.

Linda Avery  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Lee, Sugaya, Moore, Antonini, Miguel, and Olague

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: June 19, 2008