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RE: Planning Code amendments related to office conversion controls in Landmark

Buildings in PDR Districts (Case 2014.1249T [Board File No. 140876])

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At the September 17th Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) hearing Supervisor Cohen's office and Planning Department staff presented you a proposed Planning Code amendment related to office conversion controls in Article 10 Landmark buildings in PDR (Production, Distribution, and Repair) Districts. After public comment and deliberation, the HPC continued the item until October 1st, and directed staff to come back with the following:

- A more definitive proposal for modifications to the legislation that could be recommended to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors; and
- More clarity on the HPC's role in the process, were the legislation to became law.

Per your request, staff has developed proposed modifications to the legislation based on comments we heard at the September 17th hearing. The specific language of the modifications can be seen in the revised Executive Summary that is attached to this case packet. Generally, the proposed modifications would do the following:

- Make all proposed office space in Article 10 Landmark buildings in PDR Districts require a Conditional Use Authorization, instead of being principally permitted.
- Create a role for the HPC as part of that Conditional Use Authorization process that would be akin to the way similar projects are handled in South of Market zoning districts:
 - The HPC will review a Historic Structures Report (HSR) prepared by the project sponsor (in consultation with the Department) when considering the proposed project's ability to enhance the feasibility of preserving the building.
 - The HPC will also review any proposed work related to the change in use for compliance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards.
- Direct the Planning Commission to utilize the HPC's input relative to the historic resource in making its decision on the Conditional Use, in addition to other economic and social criteria.

If the HPC accepts these proposed modifications, the HPC's comments will be incorporated into the attached Resolution and forwarded to the Planning Commission during its review of the proposed legislation on October 2, 2014.

Executive Summary

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Recommendation: Recommend Approval with Modifications of the Draft Ordinance

PLANNING CODE AMENDMENT

The proposed Ordinance would amend the Planning Code by revising Sections 219 and 803.9 to limit the conversion of designated landmark buildings to office use in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts.

The Way It Is Now:

 Per Planning Code Section 219, office uses are principally permitted in designated Article 10 landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts. Office uses are otherwise not permitted in PDR districts.

The Way It Would Be:

The proposed Ordinance would limit the amount of office uses that would be permitted in designated landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts as follows:

- For one-story buildings, no office uses would be allowed
- For two- to four-story buildings, one story of office would be allowed.
- For five- to seven-story buildings, two stories of office would be allowed.
- For eight or more story buildings, three stories of office would be allowed.
- Office would not be allowed on the ground floor of any building.

ISSUES AND CONSIDERATIONS

General Plan Policies Support Both PDR and Historic Resources

The PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts are contained within the Central Waterfront, Mission, and Showplace Square/Potrero Hill Area Plans. All three of these plans emphasize that the City should protect and promote PDR activities by prohibiting new housing and limiting new office and retail space

(Policy 1.1.1 in all three Area Plans). Simultaneously, all of these plans recommend that the City should support the viability of historic buildings by offering preservation incentives such as flexibility in use controls (Policy 8.2.3 in all three Area Plans).

The Incentives for Adaptive Reuse are Substantial

City law as codified in the Planning Code provides a substantial preservation incentive to convert historic buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts to office use. This is because office uses pay substantially higher rents compared to the production, distribution, and repair (PDR), and other uses that are also permitted in these buildings.

There are Numerous Potential Article 10 Landmark Buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts

Currently, there are no designated Article 10 landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts. Based on a preliminary assessment historic surveys completed since the adoption of these controls that permit conversion, there appear to be at least 14 landmark-caliber buildings in PDR districts totaling approximately 1 million square feet of space.

The Demand for PDR Space is Substantial

Demand for PDR space continues to be strong, and vacancy rates in the PDR Districts continue to be low. The loss of 1 million square feet of PDR space could have substantial impacts on the price of rent for remaining spaces.

The Potential Article 10 Landmark Buildings are not all in the Same Condition

Preliminary observation of potential Article 10 landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts reveals that some have been maintained to a higher degree than others.

The Current Process in PDR Districts Entails Less Scrutiny than in Other Districts

In addition to the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts, there are numerous zoning districts in the Eastern Neighborhoods that include preservation incentives for historic buildings, as articulated in Planning Code Section 803.9. In these other districts, projects seeking additional office space for historic buildings need to demonstrate how such space will enhance the feasibility of preserving the building. In the SLI District, which is similar to the PDR Districts in that it does not otherwise allow office or housing uses, office allocation for historic buildings requires a Conditional Use Authorization from the Planning Commission. By contrast, in the PDR Districts, approval for office uses in historic buildings is principally permitted, and projects do not need to demonstrate how such space will enhance the feasibility of preserving the building.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

The proposed Resolution is before the Commission so that it may recommend adoption, rejection, or adoption with modifications to the Board of Supervisors.

RECOMMENDATION

The Department recommends that the Commission recommend approval with modifications of the proposed Ordinance and adopt the Draft Resolution to that effect. The proposed modifications are as follows:

- Require that projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts receive a Conditional Use Authorization from the Planning Commission rather than be principally permitted by amending the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G columns in Planning Code Section 219(a) through (d).
- Establish a new process for projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts through the establishment of a new Planning Code Section 219.2, which would say as follows:

219.2. Office in Landmark Buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts

In order to be eligible to receive a Conditional Use Authorization for the provision of office space in landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts:

- (a) The applicant must submit a Historic Structures Report (HSR) to the Planning Department.
- (1) The scope of the HSR will be developed in consultation with Planning Department staff.
- (2) The HSR must be prepared by a licensed historic architect who meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualification Standards.
- (b) The Historic Preservation Commission shall review the HSR for the proposed project's ability to enhance the feasibility of preserving the building.
- (c) The Historic Preservation Commission shall review the proposal, including any proposed work related to the change in use, for its compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, (36 C.F.R. § 67.7 (2001)).
- (d) The Planning Commission shall consider the following Conditional Use criteria, in addition to the criteria set forth in Section 303(c) and (d):
- (1) The Historic Preservation Commission's assessment of the proposed project's ability to enhance the feasibility of preserving the building;
- (2) The Historic Preservation Commission's assessment of the proposed project's compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards;
- (3) The economic need of the improvements relative to preservation of the building;
- (4) The ability for the office tenants to be physically compatible with the PDR tenants;
- (5) The relocation strategy for any displaced PDR tenants; and
- (6) The impact of the proposed change on the surrounding community.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Planning Department staff is supportive of the main thrust of the proposed legislation, which is to balance the need to support the viability of historic buildings while protecting space for PDR. Under current City law and economic conditions, it is foreseeable that up to a million square feet of PDR space could be converted to office in PDR Districts. The proposed legislation attempts to solve this conundrum by retaining some use flexibility for landmark properties while limiting the amount of PDR space that can be converted to office. It would do so by reducing the amount of space that can be converted to office in order to maintain some PDR space and amending the process for such conversions. As such, landmark buildings would receive some flexibility in permitted uses to allow for adaptive reuse, while a substantial PDR presence would remain.

The mechanism proposed in the legislation is vertical floor control, in which a certain number of floors would be permitted to convert to office, depending on the total number of floors in the building. This

mechanism has been in place for a number of years in the Mixed-Use General (MUG) and Urban Mixed Use (UMU) Districts, and has proven to be relatively simple to understand and implement.

At the direction of the Historic Preservation Commission, Department staff also has proposed modifications that the Historic Preservation Commission may choose to recommend to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. These modifications would require review of projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). Additional consideration by the HPC is in keeping with practices undertaken in other Eastern Neighborhoods Districts, but not currently the practice in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts. These modifications would also necessitate that such projects attain a Conditional Use (CU) Authorization from the Planning Commission, instead of being permitted as-of-right. As part of this CU process, the Planning Commission would consider the HPC's input, as well as additional economic and social criteria.

The impact of the legislation cannot be known with certainty, as there are currently no designated landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts. However, an analysis of the buildings preliminarily identified as being potential landmarks determined that, were the proposed legislation to be implemented, the maximum displacement of PDR in these buildings would be approximately 330,000 square feet - 67% less than under existing controls. Including measures that align the change in use process with similar Code provisions in other Eastern Neighborhoods Districts could further reduce this displacement. It will also allow decision-makers to focus on proposed projects that will result in the most benefit for the long-term preservation historic buildings relative to impact on PDR uses.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed Ordinance is not a project under California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), Public Resources Code sections 15378 and 15060(c) because it does not result in a physical change to the environment. For more information, see Attachment C.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received at the Historic Preservation Commission hearing on September 17th, 2014. Comments included support for the proposed legislation and general concern over the protection of PDR space in San Francisco. The Planning Department has not received any additional public comment on this item as of September 24, 2014.

RECOMMENDATION: Recommendation of Approval with Modifications

Attachments

- A. Proposed Ordinance BOS 140876
- B. Draft Historic Preservation Commission Resolution
- C. Environmental Documentation

Attachment A – Proposed Ordinance 140876

[Planning Code - Office Conversion Controls In Landmark Buildings] 1 2 Ordinance amending the Planning Code to place vertical controls on the conversion of 3 designated landmark buildings to office use in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts; and 4 5 making environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1. 6 7 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font. **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*. 8 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*. Board amendment additions are in double-underlined Arial font. 9 Board amendment deletions are in strikethrough Arial font. Asterisks (* * * *) indicate the omission of unchanged Code 10 subsections or parts of tables. 11 12 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco: 13 Section 1. 14 15 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this 16 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seg.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of 17 Supervisors in File No. and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of 18 Supervisors hereby affirms this determination. 19 20 (b) On the Planning Commission, in Resolution No. , adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance, with the 21 City's General Plan and eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The Board 22 adopts these findings as its own. A copy of said Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the 23 Board of Supervisors in File No. _____, and is incorporated herein by reference. 24 25

Section 2. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 219, to read as follows:

SEC. 219. OFFICES.

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Р	Р	Р	Р	С	Р	Р	Р	Р	P	NP, unless in a designated land-mark build-ing. P in designated land-mark build-ings. Subject to 803.9(h).	NP, unless in a designated land-mark build-ing. P in designated land-mark build-ings. subject to Section 803.9(h).			(b) Professional and business offices, as defined in 890.70, larger than 5,000 gross square feet in size and offering onsite services to the general public.
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Section 3. The Planning Code is hereby amended by revising Section 803.9(h), to read as follows:

SEC. 803.9. COMMERCIAL USES IN MIXED USE DISTRICTS.

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- (h) Vertical Controls for Office Uses.
- (1) **Purpose.** In order to preserve ground floor space for production, distribution, and repair uses and to allow the preservation and enhancement of a diverse mix of land uses, including limited amounts of office space on upper stories, additional vertical zoning controls shall govern office uses as set forth in this Section.
- (2) **Applicability.** This Section shall apply to all office uses in the MUG and UMU Districts <u>and all office uses in buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts that are designated as landmarks pursuant to Section 10 of the Planning Code, where permitted.</u>
 - (3) Definitions. Office use shall be as defined in Section 890.70 of this Code.
 - (4) Controls.
- (A) **Designated Office Story or Stories.** Office uses are not permitted on the ground floor, except as specified in Sections 840.65A and 843.65A. Office uses may be permitted on stories above the ground floor if they are designated as office stories. On any designated office story, office uses are permitted, subject to any applicable use size limitations. On any story not designated as an office story, office uses are not permitted. When an office use is permitted on the ground floor per Sections 840.65A and 843.65A, it shall not be considered a designated office story for the purposes of Subsection (h)(4)(D) below.

- (B) **Timing of Designation.** In the case of new construction, any designated office story or stories shall be established prior to the issuance of a first building permit or along with any associated Planning Commission action, whichever occurs first. In the case of buildings that were constructed prior to the effective date of this Section, any such story or stories shall be designated prior to the issuance of any building permit for new or expanded office uses or along with any associated Planning Commission action, whichever occurs first.
- (C) Recordation of Designation. Notice of the designation of office stories shall be recorded as a restriction on the deed of the property along with plans clearly depicting the designated story or stories in relation to the balance of the building. A designated office story may only be re-allocated when the designated office story is first returned to a permitted non-office use and associated building modifications to the designated office story are verified by the Zoning Administrator.
- (D) Maximum Number of Designated Stories. The maximum number of designated office stories shall correspond to the total number of stories in a given building, as set forth in the table below. The designation of a particular story shall apply to the total floor area of that story and no partial designation, split designation, or other such subdivision of designated floors shall be permitted. For the purposes of the following table, the total number of stories in a given building shall be counted from grade level at curb and shall exclude any basements or below-grade stories.

Table 803.9(h)

Total Number of	Maximum Number of					
Stories	Designated Office Stories					
1-story	0 stories (office use NP)					
2 - 4 stories	1-story					

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(E) For projects <u>in MUG and UMU Districts</u> with multiple buildings, consolidation of permitted office stories may be permitted, pursuant to the controls set forth in 329(d)(8).

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Section 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By:

VICTORIA WONG Deputy City Attorney

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Attachment B – Draft Historic Preservation Commission Resolution

Historic Preservation Commission Draft Resolution

HEARING DATE OCTOBER 1, 2014

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Recommendation: Recommend Approval with Modifications of the Draft Ordinance

RECOMMENDING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPT A PROPOSED ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND THE PLANNING CODE BY REVISING SECTIONS 219 AND 803.9 AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 219.2 TO PLACE VERTICAL CONTROLS ON THE CONVERSION OF DESIGNATED LANDMARK BUILDINGS TO OFFICE USE IN PDR-1-D AND PDR-1-G DISTRICTS, REQUIRE THE REVIEW OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE HISTORIC PRESERATION COMMISSION AND A CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AFFIRMING THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT'S CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT DETERMINATION, AND MAKING PLANNING CODE SECTION 302 FINDINGS, AND FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN AND THE PRIORITY POLICIES OF PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1.

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2014 Supervisor Cohen (hereafter "legislative sponsor") introduced a proposed Ordinance under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter "Board") File Number 140876, which would amend the Planning Code by revising Sections 219 and 803.9, to place vertical controls on the conversion of designated landmark buildings to office use in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts;

WHEREAS, The Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted two duly noticed public hearings at a regularly scheduled meeting to consider the proposed Ordinance on September 17, 2014 and October 1, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of Department staff and other interested parties; and

WHEREAS, all pertinent documents may be found in the files of the Department, as the custodian of records, at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the proposed Ordinance; and

MOVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed ordinance with the following modifications.

- (1) Require that projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts receive a Conditional Use Authorization from the Planning Commission rather than be principally permitted by amending the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G columns in Planning Code Section 219(a) through (d).
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- (d) The Planning Commission shall consider the following Conditional Use criteria, in addition to the criteria set forth in Section 303(c) and (d):
- (1) The Historic Preservation Commission's assessment of the proposed project's ability to enhance the feasibility of preserving the building
- (2) The Historic Preservation Commission's assessment of the proposed project's compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards
- (3) The economic need of the improvements relative to preservation of the building
- (4) The ability for the office tenants to be physically compatible with the PDR tenants
- (5) The relocation strategy for any displaced PDR tenants, and
- (6) The impact of the proposed change on the surrounding community

FINDINGS

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

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- 1. In 2008, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan and related zoning. This legislative package is comprised of Ordinance Nos. 297-08, 298-08, and 299-08, copies of which are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File Nos. 081152, 081153, and 081154 respectively, and incorporated herein by reference. Since the adoption of this Plan and its associated zoning, the City has determined that the continued establishment, evolution, and adaptation of these uses demands a more responsive set of zoning controls in the Planning Code.
- 2. The Eastern Neighborhoods Plan in part supported the preservation of PDR (production, distribution, and repair) uses and encouraged such uses in the southeastern neighborhoods of the City.
- 3. The Eastern Neighborhoods Plan also supported the preservation viability of designated landmark buildings by allowing flexibility of permitted uses in such buildings by principally permitting the conversion of PDR space to office space.
- 4. The proposed zoning controls in the subject legislation retain an adequate amount of use flexibility and corresponding preservation incentive for maintenance and designation of landmark buildings in PDR Districts while simultaneously preserving a substantial amount of PDR uses in these buildings.
- 5. The proposed zoning controls in the subject legislation would ensure that the Historic Preservation Commission would review projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts for the proposed project's ability to enhance the feasibility of preserving the building and to for the proposed project's compliance with the Secretary of Interior's Standards.
- 6. The proposed zoning controls in the subject legislation would ensure that the Planning Commission would review all projects seeking office space in Landmark buildings in the PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts, and assess them based on criteria that includes their feasibility of preserving the building, as well as other economic and social goals.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby recommends that the Board ADOPT the proposed Ordinance as described in this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on October 1, 2014.

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Commiss	sion Se	cretary

AYES:

NOES:

CASE NO. 2014.1249T Office Conversion Controls in Landmark Buildings

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: October 1, 2014

Attachment C – Environmental Documentation

BOARD of SUPERVISORS



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August 13, 2014

File No. 140876

Sarah Jones **Environmental Review Officer** Planning Department 1650 Mission Street, 4th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Jones:

On July 29, 2014, Supervisor Cohen introduced the following legislation:

File No. 140876

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to place vertical controls on the conversion of designated landmark buildings to office use in PDR-1-D and PDR-1-G Districts; and making environmental findings, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board A Suberry

By: Andrea Ausberry, Assistant Clerk Land Use & Economic Development Committee

Attachment

Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning C: Jeanie Poling, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it does not result in a physical change in the environment.



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