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RE:

PPA Case No. 2017-000282PPA for 1020-1028 Kearny Street

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Please find the attached Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA) for the address listed above. You may contact the staff contact, Michael Jacinto, at (415) 575-9033 or michael.jacinto@sfgov.org, to answer any questions you may have, or to schedule a follow-up meeting.

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#### **Preliminary Project Assessment**

*Date:* April 5, 2017

Case No.: **2017-000282PPA** 

Project Address: 1020-1028 Kearny Street

*Block/Lot:* 0163/013

Zoning: C-2 (Community Business) Use District

Jackson Square and Washington-Broadway Special Use Districts

65-A Height and Bulk Districts

Area Plan: None

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#### **DISCLAIMERS:**

This Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA) letter provides feedback to the project sponsor from the Planning Department regarding the proposed project described in the PPA application submitted on January 5, 2017, as summarized below. This PPA letter identifies Planning Department review requirements for the proposed project, including those related to environmental review, approvals, neighborhood notification and public outreach, the Planning Code, project design, and other general issues of concern for the project. Please be advised that the PPA application does not constitute an application for development with the Planning Department. The PPA letter also does not represent a complete review of the proposed project, does not grant a project approval of any kind, and does not in any way supersede any required Planning Department approvals listed below.

The Planning Department may provide additional comments regarding the proposed project once the required applications listed below are submitted. While some approvals are granted by the Planning Department, some are at the discretion of other bodies, such as the Planning Commission or Historic Preservation Commission. Additionally, it is likely that the project will require approvals from other City agencies such as the Department of Building Inspection, Public Works, the Municipal Transportation Agency, Department of Public Health, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and others. The information included herein is based on the PPA application and plans, the Planning Code, General Plan, Planning Department policies, and local/state/federal regulations as of the date of this document, all of which are subject to change.

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project would convert an existing commercial building at 1020-1028 Kearny Street from office use to group housing, a type of residential use. According to City records, the masonry/concrete structure was constructed in 1907. The building occupies a 5,275-square-foot parcel with frontages on Kearny Street and Nottingham Place near the confluence of Pacific and Kearny Streets, and Columbus

Avenue in the Jackson Square area in the City's North Beach neighborhood. The sponsor would carry out interior renovations to convert 9,580 square feet of office space into about 8,380 square feet of residential space, which would be apportioned into 24 group housing rooms. The project would include a shared kitchen and dining area, as well as a shared living room. About 1,575 square feet of open space for building residents would be provided through two outdoor courtyards and a roof deck. The deck would be accessible via a stairwell enclosed by a new rooftop penthouse element extending the highest point of the project's roofline to about 32 feet above street grade. No off-street parking spaces or curb cuts currently exist, and none would be provided. The project would include six Class I bicycle parking spaces, and two Class II bicycle parking spaces on Kearny Street. The project site fronts Kearny Street, which has been identified as a High Injury Corridor. A bus stop for Muni line 8AX-Bayshore A Express (peak hour service only) is located in front of the project site on Kearny Street.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:**

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the environmental review process must be completed before any project approval may be granted. This review may be done in conjunction with the required approvals listed below. In order to begin formal environmental review, please submit an Environmental Evaluation Application (EEA) for the full scope of the project. EEAs are available in the Planning Department lobby at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, at the Planning Information Center at 1660 Mission Street, and online at <a href="https://www.sfplanning.org">www.sfplanning.org</a> under the "Publications" tab. See "Environmental Applications" on page 2 of the current Fee Schedule for calculation of environmental application fees. Note that until an entitlement application is submitted to the Current Planning Division, only the proposed Project Description will be reviewed by the assigned Environmental Coordinator.

If the additional analysis outlined below indicates that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment, the project could be eligible for a Class 32 infill development categorical exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. If a Class 32 exemption is appropriate, Environmental Planning staff will prepare a certificate of exemption.

If it is determined that the project could result in a significant impact, an initial study would be prepared. The initial study may be prepared either by an environmental consultant from the Department's environmental consultant pool or by Department staff. Should you choose to have the initial study prepared by an environmental consultant, contact Jessica Range at (415) 575-9018 for a list of three eligible consultants. If the initial study finds that the project would have a significant impact that could be reduced to a less-than-significant level by mitigation measures agreed to by the project sponsor, then the Department would issue a preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND). The PMND would be circulated for public review, during which time concerned parties may comment on and/or appeal the determination. If no appeal is filed, the Planning Department would issue a final mitigated negative declaration (FMND). Additional information regarding the environmental review process can be found at: <a href="http://www.sf-planning.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=8631">http://www.sf-planning.org/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=8631</a>.

If the initial study indicates that the project would result in a significant impact that cannot be mitigated to below a significant level, an EIR will be required. An EIR must be prepared by an environmental

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consultant from the Planning Department's environmental consultant pool (<a href="http://www.sfplanning.org/ftp/files/MEA/Environmental consultant pool.pdf">http://www.sfplanning.org/ftp/files/MEA/Environmental consultant pool.pdf</a>). The Planning Department will provide more detail to the project sponsor regarding the EIR process should this level of environmental review be required.

The following environmental issues would likely be addressed as part of the project's environmental review based on our preliminary review of the proposed project as it is described in the Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA) submittal dated January 5, 2017:

- 1. Historic Resources. The subject property is located in the Jackson Square Landmark District. Alterations to the subject property will be reviewed for compatibility with the building and the surrounding district through the Certificate of Appropriateness process. Historic survey documentation on file with the Planning Department indicates the original 1907 building façade was constructed of brick, fenestration was primarily double-hung windows of a residential scale, and that the ground floor probably did not have large display windows. While the Kearny Street façade has undergone numerous alterations over the life of the property, the Nottingham Place elevation retains a high level of integrity. The Nottingham Place elevation exhibits physical evidence of its historic fenestration patterns in the brickwork as well as a simple, corbelled brick cornice. Where historic fabric exists, it should be retained. Proposed new façade treatments shall be compatible with the character defining features of the building and surrounding district, as outlined in Appendix B to Article 10 of the Planning Code (attached). Exterior and interior demolition calculations, as outlined in Planning Code Sec. 1005(f)1-4, shall be submitted for review as part of the project proposal.
- 2. **Transportation.** Based on the PPA submittal, a transportation impact study is not anticipated to be required; an official determination will be made subsequent to submittal of the EEA. However, the project site is located on a high injury corridor as mapped by Vision Zero.<sup>2</sup> Planning staff have reviewed the proposed site plans and offer the following recommendations, some of which address the safety of persons walking and cycling to and from project site and vicinity:
  - Include street names on plans;
  - Include dimensions of existing and proposed sidewalks on plans;
  - Provide steetscape plan and include dimensions of frontages;
  - Coordinate a site visit with transportation planning staff to examine the site's location within
    the context of the surrounding transportation network and to identify any pedestrian, cyclist,
    transit and vehicle conflicts.
- 3. **Noise**. Based on the General Plan's Background Noise Levels map, the project site is located along a segment of Kearny Street with noise levels ranging between 65-70 dBA Ldn (a day-night averaged sound level). Therefore, an acoustical analysis is required for the proposed new residential development. The acoustical analysis must demonstrate with reasonable certainty that the California Noise Insulation Standards in Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations can be met. Should such concerns be present, the department may require the completion of a detailed noise assessment by

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This document is available at: <a href="http://www.sfmta.com/sites/default/files/projects/2015/vision-zero-san-francisco.pdf">http://www.sfmta.com/sites/default/files/projects/2015/vision-zero-san-francisco.pdf</a>.

person(s) qualified in acoustical analysis and/or engineering prior to the first project approval action, in order to demonstrate that acceptable interior noise levels consistent with those in the Title 24 standards can be attained.

Construction noise would be subject to the San Francisco Noise Ordinance (Article 29 of the San Francisco Police Code), which includes restrictions on noise levels of construction equipment and hours of construction. If pile driving is to be used during the construction, measures to reduce construction noise may be required as part of the proposed project. The EEA application should indicate whether pile driving or other particularly noisy construction methods are required.

4. **Air Quality.** The proposed project is below the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) construction and operational screening levels for criteria air pollutants.<sup>3</sup> Therefore, an analysis of the project's criteria air pollutant emissions is not likely required. Please provide detailed information related to construction equipment, phasing and duration of each phase, and volume of excavation as part of the EEA.

The project site is not located within an Air Pollutant Exposure Zone, as mapped and defined by Health Code Article 38. The Air Pollutant Exposure Zone identifies areas with poor air quality based on modeling of air pollution, exposures, and health vulnerability from mobile, stationary, and area source emissions within San Francisco. However, if the project would include new sources of toxic air contaminants including, but not limited to, emissions from diesel generators or boilers, or any other stationary sources, the project would result in toxic air contaminants that may affect both on-site and off-site sensitive receptors. Please provide detailed information related to any proposed stationary sources with the EEA. If the project would generate new sources of toxic air contaminants including, but not limited to: diesel generators or boilers, or any other stationary sources, the project would result in toxic air contaminants that may affect both on-site and off-site sensitive receptors.

Project-related demolition, excavation, grading and other construction activities may cause windblown dust that could contribute particulate matter into the local atmosphere. To reduce construction dust impacts, the proposed project will be required to adhere to the dust control requirements set forth in the Construction Dust Ordinance contained in San Francisco Health Code Article 22B and San Francisco Building Code Section 106.A.3.2.6. The proposed project is also required to prepare a Construction Dust Control Plan for review and approval by DPH.

5. **Greenhouse Gases.** The City and County of San Francisco's Strategies to Address Greenhouse Gas Emissions presents a comprehensive assessment of policies, programs, and ordinances that represents San Francisco's Qualified Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Strategy. Projects that are consistent with San Francisco's Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy would result in less-than-significant impacts from GHG emissions. In order to facilitate a determination of compliance with San Francisco's Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy, the Planning Department has prepared a Greenhouse Gas Analysis Compliance Checklist.<sup>4</sup> The project sponsor would not be required to

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<sup>3</sup> BAAQMD, CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, May 2011, Chapter 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Refer to <a href="http://sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1886">http://sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1886</a> for latest "Greenhouse Gas Compliance Checklist for Private Development Projects."

submit the completed table regarding project compliance with the identified regulations and provide project-level details in the discussion column. This information will be reviewed by the environmental planner during the environmental review process to determine if the project would comply with San Francisco's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy. Projects that do not comply with an ordinance or regulation may be determined to be inconsistent with the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy.

- 6. **Wind.** The proposed project entails conversion of an existing building to accommodate residential uses in a group housing configuration primarily within the building's existing envelope, which extends to about 22.5 feet above street grade at the building's roofline. With the addition of a penthouse that is proposed as part of the project, the project would reach a height of about 33 feet above ground surface. Typically, in San Francisco, buildings of 80 feet in height or less would not create adverse pedestrian wind conditions and as such, project-specific wind testing is not anticipated to be required for this project.
- 7. **Shadow.** The proposed project entails renovations and modifications to building interiors and would not enlarge the current building envelop beyond a rooftop penthouse addition that would extend the building height to 33 feet above the ground surface. As such, the modified building is not anticipated to trigger review under Planning Code Section 295, which requires an evaluation of potential shadow on public parks and open spaces of buildings that are 40 feet or greater in height.
- 8. **Geology.** The project site is underlain by Alluvial Pleistocene soils, located within a Seismic Hazard Zone (Liquefaction Hazard Zone likely underlain by artificial fill). Any new construction on the site is therefore subject to a mandatory Interdepartmental Project Review.<sup>5</sup> A geotechnical study prepared by a qualified consultant must be submitted with the EEA. The study should address whether the site is subject to liquefaction, and should provide recommendations for any geotechnical concerns identified in the study. In general, compliance with the building codes would avoid the potential for significant impacts related to structural damage, ground subsidence, liquefaction, landslides, and surface settlement.
- 9. **Hazardous Materials.** The proposed project would include renovations and tenant improvements to an existing commercial building constructed in 1907. According to the project's EEA filed on January 5, 2017, no soils disturbing activities, including excavation would be required to carry out the proposed renovations. Further, a review of the City's Leaking Underground Storage Tanks list does not include the site(s) at 1020-1028 Kearny Street, nor does the project appear to be subject to Article 22A of the Health Code, also known as the Maher Ordinance.

Because the existing building was constructed prior to 1980, asbestos-containing materials, such as floor and wall coverings, may be found in the building. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) is responsible for regulating airborne pollutants including asbestos. Please contact BAAQMD for the requirements related to demolition of buildings with asbestos-containing materials. In addition, because of its age (constructed prior to 1978), lead paint may be found in the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> San Francisco Planning Department. *Interdepartmental Project Review*. Available online at: <a href="http://www.sf-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=522">http://www.sf-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=522</a>.

existing building. Please contact the San Francisco Department of Building Inspection (DBI) for requirements related to the demolition of buildings that may contain lead paint

10. Disclosure Report for Developers of Major Projects. The San Francisco Ethics Commission S.F. Camp. & Govt. Conduct Code § 3.520 et seq. requires developers to provide the public with information about donations that developers make to nonprofit organizations that may communicate with the City and County regarding major development projects. This report must be completed and filed by the developer of any "major project." A major project is a real estate development project located in the City and County of San Francisco with estimated construction costs exceeding \$1,000,000 where either: (1) The Planning Commission or any other local lead agency certifies an EIR for the project; or (2) The project relies on a program EIR and the Planning Department, Planning Commission, or any other local lead agency adopts any final environmental determination under CEQA. A final environmental determination includes: the issuance of a Community Plan Exemption (CPE); certification of an EIR; Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; or a project approval by the Planning Commission that adopts CEQA Findings. A major project does not include a residential development project with four or fewer dwelling units. The first (or initial) report must be filed within 30 days of the date the Planning Commission (or any other local lead agency) certifies the EIR for that project or, for a major project relying on a program EIR, within 30 days of the date that the Planning Department, Planning Commission, or any other local lead agency adopts a final environmental determination under CEQA. Please submit a Disclosure Report for Developers of Major City Projects to the San Francisco Ethics Commission. This form can be found at the Planning Department or online at <a href="http://www.sfethics.org">http://www.sfethics.org</a>.

#### PRELIMINARY PLANNING CODE AND PROCEDURAL COMMENTS:

The following comments address preliminary Planning Code issues that may substantially affect the design and massing of the proposed project:

1. **Rear Yard**. Section 134 requires the project to provide a rear yard at the lowest story containing a Dwelling Unit, and at each succeeding level or story of the building. The minimum rear yard depth for the C-2 zoning district is 25% of the total depth of the lot on which the building is situated, but in no case less than 15 feet. Because this project is located on a corner site, one of the street frontages (Kearny Street or Nottingham Place) must be designated as the front of the property, and the rear yard would then be provided based on that determination. The proposed rear yard should be clearly indicated and dimensioned on the project submittal plans.

The proposed conversion from office to residential use creates a nonconforming rear yard condition on the subject property. Approval of a Variance from Planning Code Section 134 will be required for the residential conversion.

2. **Open Space – Residential**. Planning Code Section 135 requires a minimum of 13 square feet of private open space for each dwelling unit in a proposed group housing development. Alternately, common usable open space at a ratio of 1.33 to the private square footage requirements is acceptable for group housing developments. Any such open spaces must meet the dimensional requirements of Section 135 (f) and (g). Common usable open space shall be at least 15 feet in every horizontal

dimension and shall have a minimum area of 300 square feet. The proposed common usable open space appears to meet the Planning Code requirements. Should the configuration of sleeping rooms and bed counts change in the design phase, please be aware of the following applicable code section for the purpose of bedroom count calculations:

Sec. 135(d)(2) -- for group housing structures, SRO units, and dwelling units that measure less than 350 square feet plus a bathroom, the minimum amount of usable open space provided for use by each bedroom or SRO unit shall be one-third the amount required for a dwelling unit as specified in Paragraphs (d)(1) above and (d)(4) and (d)(5), below. For purposes of these calculations, the number of bedrooms on a lot shall in no case be considered to be less than one bedroom for each two beds. Where the actual number of beds exceeds an average of two beds for each bedroom, each two beds shall be considered equivalent to one bedroom.

3. **Dwelling Unit Exposure**. Section 140 requires that, for group housing projects, either each bedroom or at least one interior common area that meets the 120 square-foot minimum superficial floor area requirement of Section 503 of the Housing Code shall include windows that face directly on an open area of one of the following types:

Sec. 140(a) (1) A public street, public alley at least 20 feet in width, side yard at least 25 feet in width, or rear yard meeting the requirements of this Code; provided, that if such windows are on an outer court whose width is less than 25 feet, the depth of such court shall be no greater than its width; or

(2) An open area (whether an inner court or a space between separate buildings on the same lot) which is unobstructed (except for fire escapes not projecting more than necessary for safety and in no case more than four feet six inches, chimneys, and those obstructions permitted in Sections 136(c)(14), (15), (16), (19), (20) and (29) of this Code) and is no less than 25 feet in every horizontal dimension for the floor at which the Dwelling Unit in question is located and the floor immediately above it, with an increase of five feet in every horizontal dimension at each subsequent floor, except for SRO buildings in the Eastern Neighborhoods Mixed Use Districts, which are not required to increase five feet in every horizontal dimension until the fifth floor of the building.

The plans, as submitted, do not clearly specify a designated interior common area, its dimensions, overall floor area, or adjacent open area for the purposes of illustrating exposure requirements. The proposed interior common area for the project should be indicated on plans and designed to meet the exposure requirements for group housing.

If surrounding public street dimensions do not meet the requirements for group housing exposure, the possibility of an exemption from exposure requirements under Sec. 140(c) could be further explored. Section 140(c) does not apply to new additions on historic buildings. Therefore, any proposed dwelling units located within the new rooftop addition shall meet the exposure requirements of Section 140(b).

4. **Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program.** The TDM Program was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in February 2017, and it took effect on March 19, 2017. The proposed project includes up to 25 new dwelling units, and thus is subject to the TDM Program. Based on the proposed <u>0 parking spaces</u> associated with the group housing use, the project will be required to meet or exceed a target score of 10 points for land use category C: Residential.

Please note that if the first Development Application – as defined in Planning Code Section 401 – is submitted by December 31, 2017, then the project will only be required to meet 75% of its target score.

5. Streetscape Plan – Better Streets Plan Compliance. Pedestrian and streetscape improvements consistent with the Better Streets Plan may be required if your project meets the conditions delineated in Planning Code Section 138.1. Projects that trigger Section 138.1 will be reviewed by the Department's Streetscape Design Advisory Team (SDAT). SDAT is an interagency group that includes representatives from the Planning Department, Department of Public Works and the Municipal Transportation Agency that provides design guidance on private developments that impact the public right-of-way.

Please see the Department's Better Streets Plan and Section 138.1(c) (2) (ii) for the additional elements that may be required as part of the project's streetscape plan.

6. **Street Frontage Requirements.** Planning Code Section 145.1 seeks to preserve, enhance, and promote attractive, clearly defined street frontages that are pedestrian-oriented, fine-grained, and which are appropriate and compatible with the buildings and uses in the zoning district. A component of this code section is the desire for active ground floor uses, which are defined as follows:

Sec. 145.1(b)(2) Active Use. An "active use" shall mean any principal, conditional, or accessory use that by its nature does not require non-transparent walls facing a public street or involves the storage of goods or vehicles.

- (A) Residential uses are considered active uses above the ground floor; on the ground floor, residential uses are considered active uses only if more than 50 percent of the linear residential street frontage at the ground level features walk-up dwelling units that provide direct, individual pedestrian access to a public sidewalk, and are consistent with the Ground Floor Residential Design Guidelines, as adopted and periodically amended by the Planning Commission.
- (B) Spaces accessory to residential uses, such as fitness or community rooms, are considered active uses only if they meet the intent of this section and have access directly to the public sidewalk or street.
- (C) Building lobbies are considered active uses, so long as they do not exceed 40 feet or 25 percent of building frontage, whichever is larger.
- (D) Public Uses defined in Section <u>102</u> are considered active uses except utility installations.
- 7. **Bicycle Parking (Class I).** Planning Code Section 155 requires this group housing project to provide at least one Class I bicycle parking space for every four beds. Based on the project proposal to create up to 25 new dwelling units, 6 Class I bicycle parking spaces would be required.
- 8. **Bicycle Parking (Class II).** Planning Code Section 155 requires the group housing project to provide a minimum of two Class II bicycle parking spaces provided through on-street bicycle racks. Group Housing that is also considered Student Housing shall provide 50 percent more spaces than would otherwise be required. However, SFMTA has final authority on the type, placement and number of Class II bicycle racks within the public ROW. Prior to issuance of first architectural addenda, you will

be required contact the SFMTA Bike Parking Program at bikeparking@sfmta.com to coordinate the installation of on-street bicycle racks and ensure that the proposed bicycle racks meet the SFMTA's bicycle parking guidelines. Depending on local site conditions and anticipated demand, SFMTA may request the project sponsor pay an in-lieu fee for Class II bike racks required by the Planning Code. The SFMTA bicycle parking guidelines can be found at: https://www.sfmta.com/services/streets-sidewalks/installation-requests/bicycle-racks-corrals.

9. **Noise Regulations Relating to Residential Uses Near Places of Entertainment (POE).** The subject site is located within 300 feet of an existing Place of Entertainment (POE).

New residential development within 300 feet of a Place of Entertainment must go through an Entertainment Commission outreach process (Ordinance Number 070-015). In addition, new residential development will also be required to record a Notice of Special Restrictions (NSR) on the site. Please note that the Planning Department will not consider an entitlement application complete until the following are completed:

- (A) The Entertainment Commission has provided written notification to the Planning Department indicating that it either did not wish to hold a hearing, or that it held a hearing and the Project Sponsor attended; and
- (B) The Project Sponsor has included a copy of any comments and/or recommendations provided by the Entertainment Commission regarding the proposed Project as well as the date(s) when the comments were provided. This shall be done as an additional sheet in any plan set submitted to the Planning Department and as an attachment in an entitlement application.

You may contact Entertainment Commission staff at (415) 554-6678 or visit their webpage at <a href="http://sfgov.org/entertainment/developers-and-project-sponsors">http://sfgov.org/entertainment/developers-and-project-sponsors</a> for additional information regarding the outreach process.

10. Stormwater. If the project results in a ground surface disturbance of 5,000 sf or greater (creating and/or replacing 5,000 square feet or more of impervious surface), it is subject to San Francisco's stormwater management requirements as outlined in the Stormwater Management Ordinance and the corresponding SFPUC Stormwater Design Guidelines (Guidelines). Projects that trigger the stormwater management requirements must prepare a Stormwater Control Plan demonstrating project adherence to the performance measures outlined in the Guidelines including; (a) reduction in total volume and peak flow rate of stormwater for areas in combined sewer systems OR (b) stormwater treatment for areas in separate sewer systems. The SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise, Urban Watershed Management Program is responsible for review and approval of the Stormwater Control Plan. Without SFPUC approval of a Stormwater Control Plan, no site or building permits can be issued. The Guidelines also require a signed maintenance agreement to ensure proper care of the necessary stormwater controls. Compliance may occur through a mix of rooftop, sidewalk, and open space treatments and technologies, and is encouraged to be designed as a comprehensive system that maximizes co-benefits for greening, habitat creation, urban heat island reduction, building energy savings, and beautification. Systems within the public realm should consider adjacencies and opportunities for flow-through systems to neighborhood detention areas. To view the Stormwater Management Ordinance, the Stormwater Design Guidelines, or download instructions for the Stormwater Control Plan, go to http://sfwater.org/sdg. Applicants may contact stormwaterreview@sfwater.org for assistance.

- 11. **Better Roofs Ordinance**. In 2016, San Francisco became the first major city in the U.S. to require the installation of renewable energy facilities or living roofs on new buildings. The Better Roofs Ordinance will require between 15% and 30% of roof space to incorporate solar (photo voltaic and/or solar thermal systems), living (green) roofs, or a combination of both. The legislation goes into effect January 2017. The Ordinance provides guidance for developers, designers, and/or owners who might best utilize rooftop space; ideally, projects should pursue holistic design and amenity enhancements for 100% of usable roof space that include open space, habitat, stormwater management, urban agriculture, and other beneficial uses. Please see the Planning Department's Living Roof Manual to learn more: http://sf-planning.org/san-francisco-living-roofs.
- 12. Sustainability and Green Building. San Francisco has a suite of existing sustainability related regulations, including recycling and composting, solar, and more details outlined in the San Francisco Green Building Code (GBC). Per the GBC, this project must meet the standards of LEED Silver or the equivalent GreenPoint rating system. It is recommended that the project sponsor work with the San Francisco Planning, Building, and Environment departments to determine the most beneficial mix of green building strategies that meet or exceed all current requirements, and best fit the local context. This especially includes the provision of renewable energy on site (PV and solar thermal), living roofs and walls, non-potable water reuse, healthy environments (non-toxic building materials), and other innovative approaches to enhancing performance of the City's environment. The City also encourages projects to maximize energy and water efficiencies, consider zero carbon strategies such as all-electric buildings, and commit to green power purchases for 100% GHG-free electricity. As with non-potable water systems, projects are recommended to consider district-scale energy opportunities on site and in coordination with neighbors.
- 13. **Refuse Collection and Loading.** San Francisco is a national leader in diverting waste from landfills, has a Mandatory Recycling and Composting Ordinance, and has a goal to achieve zero waste by 2020. In this, the City requires all buildings to be designed with spaces for collecting and loading recycling and composting in common and private areas, and make these options as or more convenient than waste disposal. More information on the complete suite of the City's Zero Waste legislation may be found here: <a href="http://sfenvironment.org/zero-waste/overview/legislation">http://sfenvironment.org/sites/default/files/fliers/files/sfe zw ab088.pdf</a>. Free design and implementation assistance is available from the San Francisco Department of the Environment's Zero Waste Team by calling 415-355-3700.

#### PRELIMINARY DESIGN COMMENTS:

The following comments address preliminary design issues that may substantially affect the proposed project:

- 1. Site Design, Open Space, and Massing. The Planning Department recommends a minimum setback of 20 feet from the public right-of-way for any rooftop appurtenances. The Department recommends reviewing the requirements for Better Streets Plan 2.0 to identify whether a crosswalk or other pedestrian improvements could be incorporated.
- 2. Architecture. The glazing of the street front façade is not consistent with the neighborhood and historic district and the Department recommends providing more appropriate fenestration or deeply punched and recessed glazing in the scale and character of the existing ground floor façade. In relation to feedback provided in this PPA letter, explore more active ground floor uses, and the design should reflect this interior activity.
- 3. Historic District. The project site is located within an identified historic district; therefore, the proposed project is subject to further design review by the Department's Historic Preservation staff. Please refer to the Environmental Planning Review - Historic Resources section of the Preliminary Project Assessment for further instruction. Information about the designating ordinance, characterdefining features, and requirements for alterations to buildings in the district are included in Appendix B to Article 10 of the Planning Code.
- 4. Vision Zero. In 2014, the City adopted the Vision Zero Policy which seeks to eliminate all traffic deaths in the City by 2024. The City subsequently established a network of Vision Zero Corridors which have higher rates of traffic-related injuries and fatalities compared to most San Francisco Streets. The City has determined that streets on the Vison Zero network should be prioritized for safety improvements especially those that improve the safety of vulnerable users like people walking and people on bikes.

This project is located on a pedestrian high-injury corridor, and is encouraged to incorporate safety measures into the project.

#### **DEVELOPMENT FEES:**

This project will be subject to various impact fees. Please refer to the <u>Planning Director's Bulletin No. 1</u> for an overview of Development Impact Fees, and to the Department of Building Inspection's Development Impact Fee webpage for more information about current rates. Please note that this list only reflects fees and requirements referenced in the Planning Code. For projects in ongoing plan areas (e.g. Central SoMa, the Hub, etc.) the below list may not accurately reflect all fees that may become applicable to this project.

Based on an initial review of the proposed project, the following impact fees, which are assessed by the Planning Department, will be required: No Development Fees identified at this time.

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

The plans as submitted have inconsistencies in the dwelling unit count information. While the "Group Housing Calculations" table on Sheet A0.00 indicate 25 proposed sleeping units, the Roof Plan on Sheet

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT 11 A1.13 shows a proposed office with adjoining restroom. Information provided in this Preliminary Project Assessment letter assumes the higher, 25 sleeping room count.

1. **Inclusionary Affordable Housing (§415):** 25 + Unit Project; Environmental Evaluation Application Complete after January 12, 2016- no grandfathering:

Inclusionary Affordable Housing. Inclusionary Affordable Housing is required for a project proposing ten or more dwelling units. The Project Sponsor must submit an 'Affidavit of Compliance with the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program: Planning Code Section 415,' to the Planning Department identifying the method of compliance, on-site, off-site, or affordable housing fee. The following Inclusionary Affordable Housing requirements are those in effect at the time as of issuance of this letter. In the event that the requirements change, the Project Sponsor shall comply with requirements in place at the time of the issuance of first construction document. Any on-site affordable dwelling-units proposed as part of the project must be designated as owner-occupied units, not rental units; unless a Costa Hawkins exception agreement is secured by the project sponsor. Affordable units designated as on-site units shall be affordable units for the life of the project. The applicable percentage is dependent on the number of units in the project, the zoning of the property, and the date that the project submitted a complete Environmental Evaluation Application. A complete Environmental Evaluation Application has not been submitted; therefore, pursuant to Planning Code Section 415.3 and 415.6 the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Program requirement for the On-site Affordable Housing Alternative is to provide 25% of the proposed dwelling units as affordable with a minimum of 15% of the units affordable to low-income households and the remaining 10% of the units affordable to low- or moderate/middle-income households, as defined by the Planning Code and Procedures Manual.

For your information, if a project proposes rental units, it may be eligible for an On-site Alternative to the Affordable Housing Fee if it has demonstrated to the Planning Department that the affordable units are either: 1) ownership only or 2) not subject to the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act (a Costa Hawkins exception). Affordable units are not subject to the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act under the exception provided in Civil Code Sections 1954.50 through one of the following methods:

- direct financial construction from a public entity
- development bonus or other form of public assistance

A Costa Hawkins exception agreement is drafted by the City Attorney. You must state in your submittal how the project qualifies for a Costa Hawkins exception. The request should be addressed to the Director of Current Planning. If the project is deemed eligible, we may start working with the City Attorney on the agreement.

#### PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPROVALS:

The project requires the following Planning Department approvals. These approvals may be reviewed in conjunction with the required environmental review, but may not be granted until after the required environmental review is completed.

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- 1. Interdepartmental Project Review. This review is required for all proposed new construction in seismic hazard zones, in which the subject property falls. An application is enclosed.
- 2. An Environmental Evaluation Application may be required, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, due to the subject property's location in a Liquefaction Zone and the proposed excavation on the site.
- 3. A Certificate of Appropriateness is required, per Article 10 of the Planning Code, for the major alteration of a building within the Jackson Square Landmark District (see Appendix B to Art. 10, enclosed).
- 4. A Variance Application is required, per Sec. 134 of the Planning Code, to seek relief from the rear yard requirement for the subject property that is triggered by the change of use from Office to Residential. An application is enclosed.
- 5. A **Building Permit Application** is required for the proposed alteration of the subject property.

All applications are available in the Planning Department lobby at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, at the Planning Information Center at 1660 Mission Street, and online at www.sfplanning.org. Building Permit Applications are available at the Department of Building Inspection at 1660 Mission Street.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATIONS AND OUTREACH:**

Project Sponsors are encouraged, and in some cases required, to conduct public outreach with the surrounding community and neighborhood groups early in the development process. Additionally, many approvals require a public hearing with an associated neighborhood notification. Differing levels of neighborhood notification are mandatory for some or all of the reviews and approvals listed above.

- 1. Pre-Application Meeting. This project is required to conduct a Pre-Application Meeting with surrounding neighbors and registered neighborhood groups before a development application may be filed with the Planning Department. The Pre-Application packet, which includes instructions and template forms, is available at www.sfplanning.org under the "Permits & Zoning" tab. All registered neighborhood group mailing lists are available online at www.sfplanning.org under the "Resource Center" tab.
- 2. Notification of a Project Receiving Environmental Review. Notice may be required to be sent to occupants of the project site and properties adjacent to the project site, as well as to owners and, to the extent feasible, occupants of properties within 300 feet of the project site at the initiation of the environmental review process. Please be prepared to provide mailing addresses on a CD upon request during the environmental review process.

#### PRELIMINARY PROJECT ASSESSMENT EXPIRATION:

This Preliminary Project Assessment is valid for a period of 18 months. An Environmental Evaluation, Variance Application, or Building Permit Application)], as listed above, must be submitted no later than October 5, 2018. Otherwise, this determination is considered expired and a new Preliminary Project

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT 13 Assessment is required. Such applications and plans must be generally consistent with those found in this Preliminary Project Assessment.

**Enclosures:** 

Interdepartmental Meeting Application Appendix B to Article 10 Variance Application Shadow Fan

cc: Jon Dishotsky, Starcity Properties LLC, Property Owner

Eiliesh Tuffy, Current Planning

Michael Jacinto, Environmental Planning

Kimia Haddadan, Citywide Planning and Analysis

Maia Small, Design Review

Jonas Ionin, Planning Commission Secretary

Charles Rivasplata, SFMTA

Jerry Sanguinetti, Public Works

Pauline Perkins, SFPUC

Planning Department Webmaster (webmaster.planning@sfgov.org)

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT REVIEW

Effective: August 31, 2015

Interdepartmental Project Reviews are **mandatory** for new construction projects that propose buildings eight (8) stories or more and new construction on parcels identified by the State of California Department of Conservation, Division of Mines and Geology as Seismic Hazard Zones in the City and County of San Francisco. Projects identified as such, must request and participate in an interdepartmental project review prior to any application that requires a public hearing before the Planning Commission or new construction building permit.

Project Sponsors may elect to request an interdepartmental review for any project at any time, however, it is strongly recommended that the request is made prior to the submittal of the above referenced applications.

The Planning Department acts as the lead agency in collaboration with the Department of Building Inspection (DBI); the Department of Public Works (DPW); and the San Francisco Fire Department (SFFD). A representative from each of these City Agencies will attend your meeting.

#### **Interdepartmental Project Review fees:**

Please refer to the Planning Department Fee Schedule for fees related to this application. The Fee Schedule may be obtained from the Planning Department's <u>website</u> at www.sf-planning.org or in person at the Public Information Counter (PIC) located at 1660 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94103. For questions related to the Fee Schedule, please call the PIC at (415) 558-6377.

To avoid delays in scheduling your meeting, provide all information requested on this form and submit your request with a check in the appropriate amount payable to the San Francisco Planning Department. Requests may be mailed or delivered to San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414. Those wishing more specific or more detailed information may contact the Project Review Meeting Coordinator at (415) 575-9091.

Please note: All returned checks are subject to a \$50.00 bank fee.

Interdepartmental Project Reviews are scheduled no sooner than two (2) weeks from the receipt of the request form and check.

1650 Mission St. Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Reception: **415.558.6378** 

Fax: **415.558.6409** 

Planning Information: 415.558.6377

#### **Submittal requirements:**

Please submit four (4) copies/sets of all information for distribution to each department/agency.

Note: No documents or plans should exceed 11" x 17" page size.

All projects subject to the **mandatory** Interdepartmental Project Review shall be required to submit the following minimum information in addition to their request form:

- 1. Site Survey with topography lines;
- 2. Floor Plans with occupancy and/or use labeled of existing and proposed;
- 3. Existing and proposed elevations;
- 4. Roof Plan; and
- 5. Pictures of the subject property and street frontages.

Planned unit developments or projects with an acre or more of land area shall be required to submit the following additional information:

- 1. Existing and proposed street names and widths;
- 2. Location of any existing train tracks; and
- 3. Location of any existing and proposed easements.

In order for the Interdepartmental Project Review to be most effective and beneficial to you, it is strongly recommended that any issues, concerns and/or specific questions are submitted with this request directed to each discipline.

# INTERDEPARTMENTAL PROJECT REVIEW MEETING APPLICATION FORM APPLICATION DATE: **PROJECT CONTACT:** (Please complete all data fields) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. ( )\_\_\_\_\_ FAX No. ( )\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address\_\_\_\_ Name of Property Owner PROJECT INFORMATION: Property Address How many units does the subject property have? Assessor's Block/Lot(s) Zoning District Height and Bulk Districts **PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE OF MEETING:** (Use a separate sheet, if necessary) Land Use Type Existing Proposed Net Change Number of Dwelling Units Commercial Square Footage: Retail Office Number of Hotel Rooms Industrial Square Footage Other Uses: \_\_\_\_ Number of Parking Spaces Number of Stories Previously contacted Planning Department staff\_\_\_\_\_ Will this project be publicly funded? (specify)

Please submit four (4) copies/sets of all information for distribution to each department/agency.

Note: No documents or plans should exceed 11" x 17" page size.



#### APPLICATION PACKET FOR

# Variance from the Planning Code

Planning Department 1650 Mission Street Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94103-9425

T: 415.558.6378

Pursuant to Planning Code Section 305, the Zoning Administrator shall hear and make determinations regarding applications for variances from the strict application of quantitative standards in the Planning Code. The first pages consist of instructions which should be read carefully before the application form is completed.

Planning Department staff are available to advise you in the preparation of this application. Call (415) 558-6377 for further information.

#### WHAT IS A VARIANCE?

The Planning Code regulates the use of property, including the size, design, and siting of buildings that may be constructed on a piece of property. The Planning Code has standards for buildings that govern such features as rear yards, front setbacks, usable open space, height, and parking. A variance is a request for an exception to a Planning Code standard. The Zoning Administrator is the City official that interprets and maintains the Planning Code.

#### WHEN IS A VARIANCE NECESSARY?

There may be special circumstances that make it difficult for a project to meet all of the Planning Code requirements. In those instances, a project sponsor may request that the Zoning Administrator grant a Variance from the Code provisions. Under the City Charter (Section 4.105), the Zoning Administrator has the power to grant only those variances that are consistent with the general purpose and the intent of the Planning Code. The power to grant a variance shall be applied only when the plain and literal interpretation and enforcement of the Code would "result in practical difficulties, unnecessary hardships, or where the results would be inconsistent with the general purpose of the [Code]."

Planning Code Section 305(c) outlines the five criteria that must be met in order for the Zoning Administrator to grant a variance. The Section 305(c) criteria are as follows:

- That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances applying to the property involved or to the intended use of the property that do not apply generally to other property or uses in the same class of district;
- That owing to such exceptional or extraordinary circumstances the literal enforcement of specified provisions of this Code would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship not created by or attributable to the applicant or the owner of the property;
- 3. That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the subject property, possessed by other property in the same class of district;
- 4. That the granting of such variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity; and
- 5. That the granting of such variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Code and will not adversely affect the Master Plan.

#### HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

Please review the instructions in this application and ask PIC staff if you have any questions. After filling out the application and collecting the required notification materials and plans, please contact the Planning Department for an intake appointment to process your application. At this appointment a planner will review your application to ensure that it is complete. The application will then be assigned to a planner on a specific Quadrant Team, dependent upon the location of the subject property. The assigned planner will review the application against the San Francisco General Plan, the Planning Code, and Planning Department policies and set a Zoning Administrator hearing date. All owners within 300 feet of the subject property will receive notification of the hearing. The assigned planner will gather comments and concerns from the neighborhood during the notification period.

Upon submittal of a complete application to the Planning Department, the Zoning Administrator will schedule a public hearing to consider whether to grant the Variance. Variance hearings typically occur on the last Wednesday of each month. Upon issuing the formal written decision either granting or denying the Variance in whole or in part, the Zoning Administrator shall forthwith transmit a copy the Variance decision letter to the applicant. The action of the Zoning Administrator shall be final and shall become effective 10 days after the date of his written decision except upon the filing of a valid appeal to the Board of Permit Appeals as provided in Section 308.2 of the Planning Code.

#### WHO MAY APPLY FOR A VARIANCE?

A Variance is an entitlement that runs with the property; therefore, the property owner or a party designated as the owner's agent may apply for a Variance. [A letter of agent authorization from the owner must be attached.]

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

The attached application for a Variance includes a project description, necessary contact information, and two sets of findings that must be answered. The first set of findings is for the Variance process and consists of a list of questions asking whether there is a hardship and whether there is an adverse impact on surrounding neighbors. The fact that it would be easier, or nicer, or less expensive, to do a project the way the owner wants instead of complying with the Planning Code does not constitute a hardship. The second set of findings are Priority General Plan Policy Findings, which determine San Francisco General Plan consistency. Please answer all questions fully. Please type or print in ink and attach pages if necessary.

Please provide the following materials with this application:

- 300 Foot Radius Map and Address List: See instructions on page 4.
- Authorization: If the applicant in this case is the authorized agent of the property owner, rather than the owner, a letter signed by the owner and creating or acknowledging that agency must be attached and is included in the application for Variance.
- **Drawings:** The application must be accompanied by plans sufficient for proper determination of the case. In most cases a **plot plan** will be required, accurately showing existing and proposed structures on both the subject property and on immediately adjoining properties, open spaces, driveways, parking areas, trees, and land contours where relevant. Where the size or use of floor areas is material to the case, **floor plans** will also be required.

Drawings of building **elevations** must be provided in most cases. All **landscaping** should be clearly shown on the plans, calling out species type. A sign program may be submitted at this time. Certain types of conditional uses have additional special requirements under the Code and may require additional information to be submitted with the application; the Department staff will assist in determining what materials are required. A north arrow and scale shall be shown on each plan, and unless an exception is specifically granted by the Zoning Administrator the scale shall be not less than 1" = 20' for plot plans, 1/8" = 1' 0" for floor plans, and 1/4" = 1' 0" for plans showing layout of parking and loading.

 Photographs: The application must be accompanied by unmounted photographs, large enough to show the nature of the property but not over 11 X 17 inches.

All plans and other exhibits submitted with this application will be retained as part of the permanent public record in this case.

After your case is assigned to a planner, you will be contacted and asked to provide an electronic version of this application including associated photos and drawings.

#### Fees:

Please refer to the Planning Department Fee Schedule available at www.sfplanning.org or at the Planning Information Center (PIC) located at 1660 Mission Street, First Floor, San Francisco. For questions related to the Fee Schedule, please call the PIC at (415) 558-6377. Fees will be determined based on the estimated construction costs. Should the cost of staff time exceed the initial fee paid, an additional fee for time and materials may be billed upon completion of the hearing process or permit approval. Additional fees may also be collected for preparation and recordation of any documents with the San Francisco Assessor-Recorder's office.

#### The Pre-Application Process:

The following types of projects require a Pre-Application Meeting, provided that the scope of work is subject to Planning Code Section 311 or 312 Notification. Please be aware that a Pre-Application meeting is also required prior to filing any Planning entitlement application (i.e. Conditional Use Authorization, Variance) for projects subject to 311 or 312 Notification.

- New Construction;
- Any vertical addition of 7 feet or more;
- Any horizontal addition of 10 feet or more;
- Decks over 10 feet above grade or within the required rear yard;
- All Formula Retail uses subject to a Conditional Use Authorization.

Please refer to the Pre-Application Meeting Instruction Packet for further detail or contact planning staff with questions. The Pre-Application Meeting Instruction Packet is available at www.sfplanning.org or at the Planning Information Center (PIC) counter at 1660 Mission Street, First Floor, San Francisco.

#### **CEQA Review:**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code implementing that act may require an Environmental Evaluation before the application may be considered. Please consult the Planning Department staff to determine if an Environmental Evaluation application must be submitted with this application. A separate fee is required for environmental review.

#### Planning Commission Hearing Material:

This timeline includes a deadline for project sponsors to submit material to staff to be included in the Commission packet. If the Sponsor does not submit the necessary material by the deadline, the project will be continued to a later hearing date.

- Three weeks prior to hearing: Project Sponsor submits draft project graphics (plans, renderings etc) to project planner.
- Two weeks prior to hearing: Project planner submits Draft staff report (must include draft attachments) to Team Leader for review.
- Ten days prior to hearing (5pm on Monday):
   Deadline for submittal of all sponsor material and public comment to be included in Commission packets
- One week prior to hearing: Project planner delivers complete Commission packets to the Commission Secretary.

To file your Variance application, please call (415) 558-6378 in advance to schedule an intake appointment. At your scheduled appointment with a staff planner, please bring your completed application with all required materials.

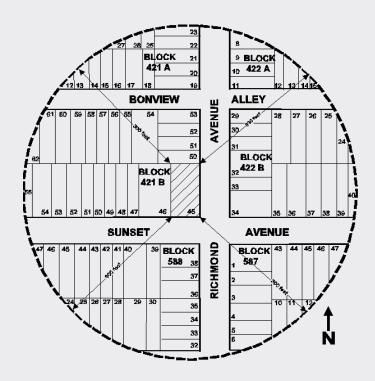
## 300-foot Radius Map Instructions

- 1. The map must show all properties within 300-feet of the EXTERIOR boundaries of the property; a 300-foot radius map, drawn to a scale of 1 inch to 50 feet, either the original on TRACING paper or a blueprint copy (no photocopy accepted) is required for submittal with applications under the Planning Code, including variance, reclassification (rezoning), large project authorization, conditional use, and certain subdivision applications.
- 2. Submit two lists of the names and addresses, including the block and lot for each one, of all owners of the properties within 300 feet of the subject property and self-adhering labels with the same data. The latest Citywide tax roll is available at the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, City Hall Room 140, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., San Francisco, CA 94102, for the preparation of this list. The labels will be used to mail notice of the time and place of the public hearing required.

#### EXAMPLE OF MAILING LABEL

Block # / Lot # #9331 / #07
Name JOHN DOE
Address 123 South Street #2
San Francisco, CA 94100

- 3. If you wish to prepare the materials yourself, block maps may be traced at the office of the Assessor, 81 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 190. The width of the public right-of-way for the streets separating the blocks may be determined at the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, 875 Stevenson Street, Room 460, 554-5810.
- 4. You may, for a fee that varies by firm, have a private drafting or mailing service prepare these materials.



NOTE: THIS EXAMPLE IS NOT TO REQUIRED SCALE

The following businesses have indicated that they provide professional notification services. This listing does not constitute an endorsement. Other professionals can also perform this work and can be added to this list upon request.

#### **Build CADD**

3515 Santiago Street San Francisco, CA 94116 (415) 759-8710

#### Javier Solorzano

3288 - 21st Street #49 San Francisco, CA 94110 (415) 724-5240 Javier131064@yahoo.com

#### Jerry Brown Designs

619 - 27th Street, Apt. A Oakland, CA 94612 (415) 810-3703 jbdsgn328@gmail.com

#### Notificationmaps.com

Barry Dunzer (866) 752-6266 www.notificationmaps.com

#### Radius Services

1221 Harrison Street #18 San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 391-4775 radiusservices@aol.com

#### Notice This (650) 814-6750

Ted Madison Drafting P.O. Box 8102 Santa Rosa, CA 95407 (707) 228-8850 tmadison@pacbell.net

# What Applicants Should Know About the Public Hearing Process and Community Outreach

- A. The Zoning Administrator encourages applicants to meet with all community groups and parties interested in their application early in the entitlement process. Department staff is available to assist in determining how to contact interested groups. Neighborhood organization lists are available on the Department's web site. Notice of the hearing will be sent to groups in or near the neighborhood of the project. The applicant may be contacted by the Planning Department staff with requests for additional information or clarification. An applicant's cooperation will facilitate the timely review of the application.
- B. The Zoning Administrator requests that applicants familiarize themselves with the procedure for public hearings, which are listed below.

Hearings. A public hearing may be held on any matter before the Zoning Administrator at either a Regular (every 4th Wednesday of the month) or a Special Meeting. The procedure for such public hearings shall be as follows:

- A description of the issue by Zoning Administrator along with the Planning Department's recommendation.
- 2. A presentation of the proposal by the project sponsor for a period not to exceed 5 minutes.
- A presentation of opposition to the proposal, by organized opposition, for a period not to exceed 3 minutes.
- 4. Public testimony from proponents of the proposal. An individual may speak for a period not to exceed 3 minutes.
- Public testimony from opponents of the proposal would be taken under conditions parallel to those imposed on proposal proponents, not to exceed 3 minutes.

- 6. The project sponsor or applicant will be given a period, not to exceed 3 minutes, within which to clarify any questions raised in previous testimony.
- Discussion by the Zoning Administrator on the matter.
- 8. The Zoning Administrator may impose time limits on appearances by members of the public and may otherwise exercise his or her discretion on procedures for the conduct of public hearings.
- C. Opportunities for Appeals by Other Bodies: Zoning Administrator actions on Variances are final unless appealed to the Board of Appeals within 10 days of Zoning Administrator action.

# **APPLICATION FOR** Variance from the Planning Code

1 Owner/Applicant Information

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Other Please clarify:							

### 4. Project Summary Table

If you are not sure of the eventual size of the project, provide the maximum estimates.

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	EXISTING USES:	TO BE RETAINED: PROJECT FEATURES	AND/OR ADDITION:	PROJECT TOTALS:	
Dwelling Units					
Hotel Rooms					
Parking Spaces					
Loading Spaces					
Number of Buildings					
Height of Building(s)					
Number of Stories					
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Residential	GROS	33 SQUARE FOOTAGE (GSI	F)		
Retail					
Office					
Industrial/PDR					
Production, Distribution, & Repair					
Parking					
Other (Specify Use)					
TOTAL GSF					
Please describe what the variance is for and include any additional project features that are not included in this table. Please state which section(s) of the Planning Code from which you are requesting a variance.  (Attach a separate sheet if more space is needed)					

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# Variance Findings

Pursuant to Planning Code Section 305(c), before approving a variance application, the Zoning Administrator needs to find that the facts presented are such to establish the findings stated below. In the space below and on separate paper, if necessary, please present facts sufficient to establish each finding.

- That there are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances applying to the property involved or to the intended use of the property that do not apply generally to other property or uses in the same class of district;
- 2. That owing to such exceptional or extraordinary circumstances the literal enforcement of specified provisions of this Code would result in practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship not created by or attributable to the applicant or the owner of the property;
- 3. That such variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the subject property, possessed by other property in the same class of district;
- 4. That the granting of such variance will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare or materially injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity; and
- 5. That the granting of such variance will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of this Code and will not adversely affect the Master Plan.

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# Priority General Plan Policies Findings

Proposition M was adopted by the voters on November 4, 1986. It requires that the City shall find that proposed projects and demolitions are consistent with eight priority policies set forth in Section 101.1 of the City Planning Code. These eight policies are listed below. Please state how the project is consistent or inconsistent with each policy. Each statement should refer to specific circumstances or conditions applicable to the property. Each policy must have a response. IF A GIVEN POLICY DOES NOT APPLY TO YOUR PROJECT, EXPLAIN WHY IT DOES NOT.

That existing neighborhood serving retail uses he preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident

••	employment in and ownership of such businesses enhanced;
2.	That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods;
3.	That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced;
4.	That commuter traffic not impede Muni transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking;

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	due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced;
6.	That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake;
7.	That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved; and
8.	That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

# **Estimated Construction Costs**

TYPE OF APPLICATION:	
OCCUPANCY CLASSIFICATION:	
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b: The information presented is true and c: The other information or applications	orized agent of the owner of this property. correct to the best of my knowledge. may be required.
Signature:	Date:
Print name, and indicate whether owner, or au	ıthorized agent:
Owner / Authorized Agent (circle one)	

# Application Submittal Checklist

APPLICATION MATERIALS

Applications listed below submitted to the Planning Department must be accompanied by this checklist and all required materials. The checklist is to be completed and **signed by the applicant or authorized agent and a department staff person.** 

CHECKLIST

Application, with all blanks completed					
300-foot radius map, if applicable					
Address labels (original), if applicable					
Address labels (copy of the above), if applicable					
Site Plan					
Floor Plan					
Elevations					
Section 303 Requirements					
Prop. M Findings					
Historic photographs (if possible), and current photographs		NOTES:			
Check payable to Planning Dept.		Required Material. Write "N/A" if you believe the item is not applicable, (e.g. letter of authorization is not required if application is			
Original Application signed by owner or agent		signed by property owner.)			
Letter of authorization for agent		Typically would not apply. Nevertheless, in a specific case, staff may require the item.			
Other: Section Plan, Detail drawings (ie. windows, door entries, trim), Specifications (for cleaning, repair, etc.) and/or Product cut sheets for new elements (ie. windows, doors)		<ul> <li>Two sets of original labels and one copy of addresses of adjacent property owners and owners of property across street.</li> </ul>			
After your case is assigned to a planner, you will be contacted and asked to provide an electronic version of this application including associated photos and drawings.  Some applications will require additional materials not listed above. The above checklist does not include material needed for Planning review of a building permit. The "Application Packet" for Building Permit Applications lists those materials.  No application will be accepted by the Department unless the appropriate column on this form is completed. Receipt of this checklist, the accompanying application, and required materials by the Department serves to open a Planning file for the proposed project. After the file is established it will be assigned to a planner. At that time, the planner assigned will review the application to determine whether it is complete or whether additional information is required in order for the Department to make a decision on the proposal.					
For Department Use Only Application received by Planning Department:					
Ву:		Date:			



FOR MORE INFORMATION: **Call or visit the San Francisco Planning Department** 

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