



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## Planning Commission Project Summary and Motion No. \_\_\_\_\_

### COMMUNITY BUSINESS PRIORITY PROCESSING PROGRAM

HEARING DATE: APRIL 30, 2015

*Date Prepared:* April 23, 2015  
*Case No.:* **2014-003095CUA**  
*Project Address:* **160 West Portal Avenue**  
*Zoning:* NCD (West Portal Avenue Neighborhood Commercial)  
26-X Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 2988A/006  
*Project Sponsor:* LeAndre Davis  
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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project would convert 1,500 square feet of ground level space most recently used as a "Limited Restaurant" (The Village Grill) into a "Restaurant" (Toast Eatery), which will include the sale of alcohol. A Limited Restaurant and a Restaurant are defined in Zoning Code Sections 790.90 and 790.91 respectively. The project has qualified for review under the Planning Commission's Community Business Priority Processing Program ("CB3P").

### REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

Zoning Code Section 729.44 requires a Restaurant to have a Conditional Use Authorization in order to operate at a location within the West Portal Avenue Neighborhood Commercial District.

### DECISION

Based upon information set forth in application materials submitted by the project sponsor and available in the case file (which is incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth) and based upon the CB3P Checklist and findings below, the Commission hereby **APPROVES Conditional Use Application No. 2014-003095CUA** subject to conditions contained in the attached "EXHIBIT A" and in general conformance with the submitted plans included in Case Docket #2014-003095CUA.

**CB3P CHECKLIST**

	Required Criteria			Comments (if any)
	Complete & adequate	Incomplete and / or inadequate	Not required and / or not applicable	
Project Sponsor's application	X			
CB3P eligibility checklist	X			
Planning Code §101.1 findings	X			
Planning Code §303(c) findings	X			
Planning Code §303(o) findings for Eating and Drinking Uses			X	There was a restaurant that previously occupied the site. The proposed restaurant will occupy the same site and will not increase the existing commercial frontage onsite.
Any additional Planning Code findings e.g. §303(k) findings for movie theater removals or §303(m) findings for grocery store removals			X	
Photographs of the site and/or context	X			
Scaled and/or dimensioned plans	X			

Additional Information	
Notification Period	20-Days
Number and nature of public comments received	Received 2 positive and supportive comments from neighboring property owners and interested parties.
Number of days between filing and hearing	127 Days

**Generalized Basis for Approval (max. one paragraph)**

Staff recommends approval. The site was previously occupied by a Limited Restaurant and now a Restaurant is proposed. Based on information provided by the Project Sponsor, this proposal will be beneficial to the site and to the surrounding properties. There have not been any indications of opposition received by staff. The Project Sponsor has indicated there have been expressions of interest in the new use and the date it will open for business.

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on February 29, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: April 30, 2015

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 Jonas P. Ionin  
 Commission Secretary

**APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTION:** Any aggrieved person may appeal this Conditional Use Authorization to the Board of Supervisors within thirty (30) days after the date of this Motion. The effective date of this Motion shall be the date of this Motion if not appealed (after the 30-day period has expired) OR the date of the decision of the Board of Supervisors if appealed to the Board of Supervisors.

# EXHIBIT A

## AUTHORIZATION

This authorization is for a conditional use to allow a Restaurant (d.b.a. **Toast Eatery**) located at 160 West Portal Avenue, Block/Lot: 2988A/006 pursuant to Planning Code Section(s) 729.44 within the NCD (West Portal Avenue Neighborhood Commercial) District and a 26-X Height and Bulk District; in general conformance with plans, dated August 7, 2014 and stamped "EXHIBIT B" included in the docket for Case No. 2014-003095CUA and subject to conditions of approval reviewed and approved by the Commission on April 30, 2015 under Motion No XXXXXX. This authorization and the conditions contained herein run with the property and not with a particular Project Sponsor, business, or operator.

## RECORDATION OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Prior to the issuance of the building permit or commencement of use for the Project the Zoning Administrator shall approve and order the recordation of a Notice in the Official Records of the Recorder of the City and County of San Francisco for the subject property. This Notice shall state that the project is subject to the conditions of approval contained herein and reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission on April 30, 2015 under Motion No XXXXXX.

## PRINTING OF CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ON PLANS

The conditions of approval under the 'Exhibit A' of this Planning Commission Motion No. XXXXXX shall be reproduced on the Index Sheet of construction plans submitted with the site or building permit application for the Project. The Index Sheet of the construction plans shall reference to the Conditional Use authorization and any subsequent amendments or modifications.

## SEVERABILITY

The Project shall comply with all applicable City codes and requirements. If any clause, sentence, section or any part of these conditions of approval is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or impair other remaining clauses, sentences, or sections of these conditions. This decision conveys no right to construct, or to receive a building permit. "Project Sponsor" shall include any subsequent responsible party.

## CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS

Changes to the approved plans may be approved administratively by the Zoning Administrator. Significant changes and modifications of conditions shall require Planning Commission approval of a new Conditional Use authorization.

## Performance

### Conditions of Approval, Compliance, Monitoring, and Reporting

#### PERFORMANCE

**Validity.** The authorization and right vested by virtue of this action is valid for three (3) years from the effective date of the Motion. The Department of Building Inspection shall have issued a Building Permit or Site Permit to construct the project and/or commence the approved use within this three-year period.

*For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

**Expiration and Renewal.** Should a Building or Site Permit be sought after the three (3) year period has lapsed, the project sponsor must seek a renewal of this Authorization by filing an application for an amendment to the original Authorization or a new application for Authorization. Should the project sponsor decline to so file, and decline to withdraw the permit application, the Commission shall conduct a public hearing in order to consider the revocation of the Authorization. Should the Commission not revoke the Authorization following the closure of the public hearing, the Commission shall determine the extension of time for the continued validity of the Authorization.

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**Diligent pursuit.** Once a site or Building Permit has been issued, construction must commence within the timeframe required by the Department of Building Inspection and be continued diligently to completion. Failure to do so shall be grounds for the Commission to consider revoking the approval if more than three (3) years have passed since this Authorization was approved.

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**Extension.** All time limits in the preceding three paragraphs may be extended at the discretion of the Zoning Administrator where implementation of the project is delayed by a public agency, an appeal or a legal challenge and only by the length of time for which such public agency, appeal or challenge has caused delay.

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**Conformity with Current Law.** No application for Building Permit, Site Permit, or other entitlement shall be approved unless it complies with all applicable provisions of City Codes in effect at the time of such approval.

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**Validity.** The authorization and right vested by virtue of this action is valid for three (3) years from the date that the Planning Code text amendment(s) and/or Zoning Map amendment(s) become effective. The Department of Building Inspection shall have issued a Building Permit or Site Permit to construct the project and/or commence the approved use within this three-year period.

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## Design

### DESIGN – COMPLIANCE AT PLAN STAGE

**Garbage, composting and recycling storage.** Space for the collection and storage of garbage, composting, and recycling shall be provided within enclosed areas on the property and clearly labeled and illustrated on the building permit plans. Space for the collection and storage of recyclable and compostable materials that meets the size, location, accessibility and other standards specified by the San Francisco Recycling Program shall be provided at the ground level of the buildings.

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**Rooftop Mechanical Equipment.** Pursuant to Planning Code 141, the Project Sponsor shall submit a roof plan to the Planning Department prior to Planning approval of the building permit application. Rooftop mechanical equipment, if any is proposed as part of the Project, is required to be screened so as not to be visible from any point at or below the roof level of the subject building.

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**Signage.** The Project Sponsor shall develop a signage program for the Project which shall be subject to review and approval by Planning Department staff before submitting any building permits for construction of the Project. All subsequent sign permits shall conform to the approved signage program. Once approved by the Department, the signage program/plan information shall be submitted and approved as part of the site permit for the Project. All exterior signage shall be designed to compliment, not compete with, the existing architectural character and architectural features of the building.

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**Overhead Wiring.** The Property owner will allow MUNI to install eyebolts in the building adjacent to its electric streetcar line to support its overhead wire system if requested by MUNI or MTA.

*For information about compliance, contact San Francisco Municipal Railway (Muni), San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency (SFMTA), at 415-701-4500, [www.sfmta.org](http://www.sfmta.org)*

**Noise.** Plans submitted with the building permit application for the approved project shall incorporate acoustical insulation and other sound proofing measures to control noise.

*For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

**Odor Control Unit.** In order to ensure any significant noxious or offensive odors are prevented from escaping the premises once the project is operational, the building permit application to implement the project shall include air cleaning or odor control equipment details and manufacturer specifications on the plans if applicable as determined by the project planner. Odor control ducting shall not be applied to the primary façade of the building.

*For information about compliance, contact the Case Planner, Planning Department at 415-558-6378, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

## Parking and Traffic

### PARKING AND TRAFFIC

**Bicycle Parking.** Pursuant to Planning Code Sections 155.1 and 155.4., the Project shall provide no fewer than 2 Class 2 bicycle parking spaces.

*For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

## Monitoring

### MONITORING - AFTER ENTITLEMENT

**Enforcement.** Violation of any of the Planning Department conditions of approval contained in this Motion or of any other provisions of Planning Code applicable to this Project shall be subject to the enforcement procedures and administrative penalties set forth under Planning Code Section 176 or Section 176.1. The Planning Department may also refer the violation complaints to other city departments and agencies for appropriate enforcement action under their jurisdiction.

*For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

**Revocation due to Violation of Conditions.** Should implementation of this Project result in complaints from interested property owners, residents, or commercial lessees which are not resolved by the Project Sponsor and found to be in violation of the Planning Code and/or the specific conditions of approval for the Project as set forth in Exhibit A of this Motion, the Zoning Administrator shall refer such complaints to the Commission, after which it may hold a public hearing on the matter to consider revocation of this authorization.

*For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

## Operation

### OPERATION

**Garbage, Recycling, and Composting Receptacles.** Garbage, recycling, and compost containers shall be kept within the premises and hidden from public view, and placed outside only when being serviced by the disposal company. Trash shall be contained and disposed of pursuant to garbage and recycling receptacles guidelines set forth by the Department of Public Works.

*For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works at 415-554-5810, <http://sfdpw.org>*

**Sidewalk Maintenance.** The Project Sponsor shall maintain the main entrance to the building and all sidewalks abutting the subject property in a clean and sanitary condition in compliance with the Department of Public Works Streets and Sidewalk Maintenance Standards.

*For information about compliance, contact Bureau of Street Use and Mapping, Department of Public Works, 415-695-2017, <http://sfdpw.org>*

**Noise Control.** The premises shall be adequately soundproofed or insulated for noise and operated so that incidental noise shall not be audible beyond the premises or in other sections of the building and fixed-source equipment noise shall not exceed the decibel levels specified in the San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance.

*For information about compliance with the fixed mechanical objects such as rooftop air conditioning, restaurant ventilation systems, and motors and compressors with acceptable noise levels, contact the Environmental Health Section, Department of Public Health at (415) 252-3800, [www.sfdph.org](http://www.sfdph.org)*

*For information about compliance with the construction noise, contact the Department of Building Inspection, 415-558-6570, [www.sfdbi.org](http://www.sfdbi.org)*

*For information about compliance with the amplified sound including music and television contact the Police Department at 415-553-0123, [www.sf-police.org](http://www.sf-police.org)*

**Odor Control.** While it is inevitable that some low level of odor may be detectable to nearby residents and passersby, appropriate odor control equipment shall be installed in conformance with the approved plans and maintained to prevent any significant noxious or offensive odors from escaping the premises.

*For information about compliance with odor or other chemical air pollutants standards, contact the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, (BAAQMD), 1-800-334-ODOR (6367), [www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov) and Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

**Community Liaison.** Prior to issuance of a building permit to construct the project and implement the approved use, the Project Sponsor shall appoint a community liaison officer to deal with the issues of concern to owners and occupants of nearby properties. The Project Sponsor shall provide the Zoning Administrator with written notice of the name, business address, and telephone number of the community liaison. Should the contact information change, the Zoning Administrator shall be made aware of such change. The community liaison shall report to the Zoning Administrator what issues, if any, are of concern to the community and what issues have not been resolved by the Project Sponsor.

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## Operation

**Notices Posted at Bars and Entertainment Venues.** Notices urging patrons to leave the establishment and neighborhood in a quiet, peaceful, and orderly fashion and to not litter or block driveways in the neighborhood, shall be well-lit and prominently displayed at all entrances to and exits from the establishment.

*For information about compliance, contact the Entertainment Commission, at 415 554-6678, [www.sfgov.org/entertainment](http://www.sfgov.org/entertainment)*

**Other Entertainment.** The Other Entertainment shall be performed within the enclosed building only. The building shall be adequately soundproofed or insulated for noise and operated so that incidental noise shall not be audible beyond the premises or in other sections of the building and fixed-source equipment noise shall not exceed the decibel levels specified in the San Francisco Noise Control Ordinance. Bass and vibrations shall also be contained within the enclosed structure. The Project Sponsor shall obtain all necessary approvals from the Entertainment Commission prior to operation. The authorized entertainment use shall also comply with all of the conditions imposed by the Entertainment Commission.

*For information about compliance, contact the Entertainment Commission, at 415 554-6678, [www.sfgov.org/entertainment](http://www.sfgov.org/entertainment)*

**Lighting.** All Project lighting shall be directed onto the Project site and immediately surrounding sidewalk area only, and designed and managed so as not to be a nuisance to adjacent residents. Nighttime lighting shall be the minimum necessary to ensure safety, but shall in no case be directed so as to constitute a nuisance to any surrounding property.

*For information about compliance, contact Code Enforcement, Planning Department at 415-575-6863, [www.sf-planning.org](http://www.sf-planning.org)*

**Hours of Operation.** The subject establishment is limited to the following hours of operation: Monday through Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00a.m.

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