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Commissioner Hillis, attached and pasted below is the Russian Hill Community Association request that the Conditional Use for this project be denied. We request that Commission Secretary Ionin distribute this letter to the Commissioners and Planner Foster note in his remarks to the Commission that this letter and other communications objecting to the CU request have been received.

Russian Hill Community Association

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August 30, 2017

President Rich Hillis and
Members of the San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street Room 400
San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Re: 8/31/17 Planning Commission Agenda No. 12
Case No. 2017-002430CUA 948-950 Lombard Street & 841 Chestnut Street

Dear President Hillis and Members of the Planning Commission:

You need to read between the lines of the Executive Summary for the Conditional Use request

for a lot merger for the above project to realize that **there has been a massive failure of the Planning process resulting in the loss of a historic resource and potential significant negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.**

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While the history of the project is less than clearly outlined, either deliberately or inadvertently, it is worth noting that the Executive Summary Project History identifies **12 separate applications/permits**. And more are listed on the Department of Building Inspection's database. Also significant are the **litany of errors, omissions, oversights and lack of coordination between Planning and the Department of Building Inspection noted in the Project History:**

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- "Building Permit Application No. 2011.11.04.8277 was filed and approved on November 4, 2011, to correct the record and validate the approved permit at both legal properties." [Project History Par. 2]
- "Planning Department Staff approved the merger of the subject lots (Lots 10 and 17) on April 22, 2015 based upon incomplete information contained within the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) Report of Residential Building Record ("3-R Report). [Project History Par.5]
- "On April 2, 2016, a complaint was filed on the property regarding work beyond the scope of permit...On June 9, 2016, building Permit Application No. 2016.06.09.9584 was issued with an engineer's notice and no plans...No changes to approved design proposed." [Project History Par. 6]
- "On June 15, 2016, building Permit Application No. 2016.06.15.9992 was submitted with one sheet of plans illustrating the full removal of all historic material...The plans were approved by DBI without Planning Department review or approval." [Project History Par.6]
- "At the time all plans were submitted, the property had been effectively demolished; all permits were filed to correct the record." [Project History Par. 6]
- "On July 6, 2016, a complaint was filed with the Planning Department ... citing the possible demolition of a historic resource without Planning Department approval...Planning Department Staff conducted a site visit on November 8, 2016, where it was determined that the building was composed of all new framing and sheathing." [Project History. Par 7]

The Russian Hill Community Association respectfully requests that the Planning Commission consider all of the facts and circumstances of this situation and deny the request for a lot merger.

Unfortunately, the stipulation in the settlement agreement requiring that all future permits be reviewed by the Planning Department and that the Project Sponsor not exceed the scope of work on approved permits does not provide the assurance that it should.

Violators of the Planning and Building Codes should not be rewarded. The requested merger of the two lots should be denied. Alternatives for access to the properties need to be explored. This is a precedent setting case and should not be addressed to simply clear the calendar. Please deny the Conditional Use request to merge two lots.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Courtney
Chair, Housing & Zoning Committee

Cc: Jamie Cherry, Jeff Cheney, RHCA; Robyn Tucker, PANA; Bob Bluhm, RHN; District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell

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To: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: 653 28th St DR Hearing, 9.7.17
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Subject: 653 28th St DR Hearing, 9.7.17

Hello,

I have recently learned of conflicts with respect to a proposed construction project on my block and I would like to lend my support to the project. Attached is my letter of support for the 653 28th Street project.

Regards,
Nick Kim

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To: [Tran, Nancy \(CPC\)](#)
Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Submission for 437 Hoffman Avenue. 2015-003686 DRP, hearing on September 14, 2017
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:30:43 AM
Attachments: [2017-08-24 DR for 437 Hoffman, supplemental submission of petitioner Beffel \(00609160xB2B8F\).pdf](#)

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Subject: Submission for 437 Hoffman Avenue. 2015-003686 DRP, hearing on September 14, 2017

Dear Commissions Secretary:

Attached please find my supplemental submission to be included with supporting papers for the PC hearing in a few weeks. Please acknowledge receipt.

We reserve the right to file additional supplemental papers, if the project sponsor submits revised plans to Planning. To the best of my knowledge, the continuance requested by the developer has not resulted in submission to Planning of revised plans.

Our suggestion, made in prior submissions, remains for the project sponsor to scale back this project in line with 55 Homestead Street, an ongoing project similarly situated and within 200 feet of this site. While 3500 square feet is more than fifty percent larger than the average residence on Block 6503, it would be much more reasonable than 5350 square feet. Similarly, 35 feet over grade would be more reasonable than 53 feet over grade.

If you need an additional copy of my prior submission to include in the September meeting materials, please advise and I will send another copy.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Ernie Beffel

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To: [May, Christopher \(CPC\)](#)
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Subject: FW: Planning Commission August 31, 2017 Item G15 Discretionary Review 116 10th Avenue -- 2016-000688DRP-02
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Item G15 Discretionary Review

RE [2016-000688DRP-02](#)
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116 10th Avenue

(C. MAY: (415)

Commissioners,

My family childhood home is the house at 114 10th Avenue. My brother Francis currently lives there with his family. The extended Gleason family uses the family home at 114 10th Avenue for family gatherings. Our family has had members residing there since 1964.

The property next door at 116 10th Avenue has plans for massive enlargement. No one in our family begrudges someone remodeling and fixing up or even having reasonable additions and space added to that home. But the plans as submitted are way out of scale to anything nearby and would block sunlight and the feeling of reasonable open access to air and light. Personally, I cannot view the plans as submitted as anything other than a short-term business venture.

The submitted plans are for a massive home unlike any other on that block. Again we do not begrudge property owners fixing up homes, adding space to accommodate family and being part of the community. The Planning Commission, which should be working to address housing stock shortages in San Francisco, is spending an extraordinary amount of time reviewing permits for McMansions complete with Man-

Caves and Imelda Marcos shoe closets, rather than on well-planned dense housing.

The entire extended Gleason family still resides in San Francisco at various properties around San Francisco, and most of us have raised families in 1000 square feet or less. I am not stating that all residents of San Francisco should do this. I am not being a NIMBY. But by allowing massive low occupant homes, and not building densely occupied homes, while preserving open space and access to sunlight and air, we are not building a sustainable San Francisco. Rather we are catering to special interests and large sums of money investing in real estate at the expense of community building.

Thank you for your time to review this.

Sincerely,

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Dear Planning Secretary,

We would like our letter objecting to the removal two rent controlled housing units be included in the packet for the Planning Commission - Case No. 2015-015918CU, scheduled to be heard on Sept 14th, 2017..

Thank you very much,

Jennifer Fieber
SF Tenants Union

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, 415-554-6131

***** PRESS RELEASE *****

**SAN FRANCISCO EXPANDS SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS
DEALING WITH HOMELESSNESS, SUBSTANCE USE
AND MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES**

New Hummingbird Navigation Center provides psychiatric respite and connections to care

San Francisco, CA – Mayor Edwin M. Lee and Public Health Director Barbara Garcia today announced the opening of a new 24-hour program at Hummingbird Place to provide respite and resources to care for San Francisco residents who are experiencing homelessness, mental health and substance use challenges.

The expanded program will offer respite, clinical and peer counseling, hot meals, showers and overnight accommodations to help clients regroup and find their footing after a crisis episode. Direct referrals to treatment will be available to Hummingbird Place clients.

“We are helping our most vulnerable residents break out of the cycle of streets and hospitalization,” said Mayor Lee. “Hummingbird Place will provide the personalized care necessary to ensure that individuals have a chance to reclaim their lives and start anew. We are committed to addressing the root causes of homelessness, and providing treatments for behavioral health and substance use will help us reach that goal.”

Hummingbird Place originally opened in 2015 as a day program providing peer counseling and support, which will continue. The new and expanded model of care adds multi-disciplinary staff, including professionals and peers. Clients may be referred from Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, Psychiatric Emergency Services, the Homeless Outreach Team (SFHOT), the Encampment Resolution Team and community providers.

“The programs at Hummingbird Place will focus on those that are leaving psychiatric emergency care and also coming from the city's various homeless services,” said Barbara Garcia, Director of Health. “The program’s focus will be on helping homeless people that have had multiple visits to hospitals due to psychiatric and addiction crisis. At Hummingbird Place, they will find a safe and supportive environment, assistance with health and social services, medication management, benefits counseling and a place to spend the night.”

Hummingbird Place is part of the City’s Navigation Center system. A national model, Navigation Centers provide clients with access to intensive case management, critical service connection to healthcare, entitlement benefits, and drug treatment programs. More than 70 percent of residents who stay in Navigation Centers are successfully transitioned into permanent housing, safe temporary placements or reunited with family members. Hummingbird Place is the first Navigation Center in San Francisco specifically tailored for individuals experiencing mental health issues and addiction.

“The opening of the Hummingbird Navigation Center is yet another example of San Francisco’s ongoing commitment to addressing the complex issue of homelessness,” said Jeff Kositsky, director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. “Providing a safe place for people struggling with homelessness and serious health issues will help navigate some of our most vulnerable neighbors to the services and housing they so desperately need. I am deeply grateful for the leadership of Barbara Garcia and the hard work of everyone at the Department of Public Health who helped make this happen.”

The new program opens today with four beds and will expand to 15 beds by December. It will be managed by Positive Resource Center/Baker Places (PRC), a San Francisco provider with extensive experience caring for dual diagnoses (mental health and substance use) patients. Admissions will be by referral, managed by the San Francisco Health Network’s Transitions team, and will mirror the criteria used by the City’s navigation centers that allow for people to bring their belongings, pets and partners with them. Residents dealing with homelessness, as well as those who are marginally housed, will be eligible.

“As one of the only respite centers of its kind in the nation, Hummingbird Place is designed to help people who are not sick enough for the hospital, but they're too ill to live on the streets or stay in a homeless shelter,” said Brett Andrews, CEO of PRC. “By combining one-on-one peer support and professional staffing, this facility creates a unique short-term overnight model that fits well within our continuum of care practice.”

Hummingbird Place is located in the Behavioral Health Center next to the Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital campus. The BHC provides residential and outpatient services to adults with mental health and substance use needs, and is operated by the San Francisco Health Network, the care delivery system of the Department of Public Health.

Services provided at Hummingbird Place will include:

- Referral to primary care medical and psychiatric community providers
- Medication monitoring
- Linkage to social services
- Transportation to medical and social services appointments
- Hot meals
- Individual and group counseling
- One-on-one peer support
- Daily living skills training
- Provision of activities of daily living materials (i.e. clothing, showering, hygiene supplies, laundry facilities, etc.)
- Coordination of services and discharge planning

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The fine levied for the egregious and unauthorized demolition of the Willis Polk structure seems way too small, especially when considering the estimated value of the completed project; the fine is just a relatively small, cost-of-doing-business expense.

My personal feeling is that the developer forfeited any consideration and, under the circumstances, doesn't deserve the granting of any additional benefits from San Francisco's Planning Department, such as the approval of a lot merger or a conditional use application.

Rather, the City should decide solely on the basis of what would be better for the Russian Hill neighborhood and for the City of San Francisco and rule that way; no consideration should be given

to the developer's wishes nor any potential increased profit.

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Subject: Correction for 650 Divisadero Project

Re: Planning Commission Meeting set for September 28, 2017

Project: 650 Divisadero St

Adjacent Property: 1265 Grove St

August 29, 2017

Dear Mr Ionin,

I need your help. Since I have never heard from any of the Planning Commissioners concerning my proposed site visit invitation, encouraged by Commissioner Richards, mailed on March 24, 2017, today I'm sending out another invitation without my letter, just a short list of my concerns. Since I believe it imperative that someone sees the site, to fully understand my concerns, and to be able to visualize the problems as they relate to the proposed plan, I am asking you to forward my complete thoughts to the commissioners.

Here is my formal letter:

Commissioner Richards suggested to me in July 2016 when the meeting for this project was postponed until October, that I write a letter for the record and might request that members of the commission come to our property, since I would be out of town in October. The hearing dates were changed in October.

Our property at 1265 Grove was the most adversely impacted by the proposed project. On March 24th 2017 I emailed my invitation with a 2nd letter to each member of the Planning Commission and have not received a single response thus far.

My original letter found its way to the back of a packet for the project that was put together expressly for the Planning Commission to review. I was more than disappointed and discouraged that it was relegated to the very last page of about 100 pages of public comment, many of which were written by people who do not even live in the neighborhood. I have to wonder if any of you even saw it, with so much to read.

I have 5 major concerns and unless there is a site visit, I do not believe the commissioners could

visualize the unique problems the plans, as currently proposed, would cause to our building. My concerns include:

- **undermining of our foundation and potential theft.**
- the proposed **7' Privacy fence on the property line**
- **sound being funneled into our building**
- **killing of our 4 storey tree**
- **7 day per week construction**

Concerns about our foundation being undermined can be alleviated by the current wall between the 2 properties remaining in place and being strengthened, as proposed to us by the Szetos at a meeting in March of this year. This would also eliminate access to our property, which is protected by that wall, and the possibility of theft because our tenants' back doors would be left exposed without the wall.

Concerns about light may be alleviated somewhat with their plan to build 6'–10' from the property line starting at our light well, but creating a 7' privacy screen at the property line will eliminate some of that light gain. Our tenants' **large dining room windows are 4' from the property line** (see photos #65 the window on the left is the kitchen window, that in the center is the side dining room window. The large dining room window is actually closer to the property line by 2' instead of 4'), so this is a claustrophobic prospect. My suggestion is to require that the planters and privacy fence be moved 5' from the property line and the screening be required to prevent falling, not to obstruct the little light we will have left. Their 18' setback from the property line on the 2 top floors does precious little for light, since they are above our roofline. On our block, the corner building on Divisadero and the north side of Grove, which looms over a much shorter building is set 3' back from the property line, allowing the owner of the shorter building access to the side of his building for painting and other repairs. I would like this same consideration (see photos #112 & #113).

With this new building going up near the Independent nightclub, the amplification of sound is inevitable. While the property owners at 650 Divisadero believe any noise issues would be better addressed by the nightclub, I believe the 6 stories of their building proposed at the property line with the club will create a funnel for sound going directly into our building by way of their rear yard setback. For that reason my husband and I are requesting a **discretionary review of sound** as it would impact our building.

Their plans to dig below grade at the property line will damage and most likely kill our walnut tree which stands 4 1/2 stories tall and spans over 75', because part of the root system supporting the weight of the tree is under their current foundation. This would expose us to massive liability law suits should the tree die from mishandling and fall, damaging neighboring properties. My suggestion is to require a **tree protection plan overseen by a consulting arborist**, not a certified arborist, **and a significant bond** that would protect us financially, if the tree dies within 5 years of the construction. I would urge the commission to **deny the rear yard setback variance** being sought **unless this provision was met by the owners of 650 Grove St.** If the rear yard were on the ground floor as it should be according to building code, since residential units start there, my tree roots would not be damaged. The variance is being sought to allow stacked parking in the critical root zone of our tree. Besides the damage to roots by cutting through them, compaction of soil is also a significant way to kill a tree. Allowing building materials and equipment to sit over the root zone can kill the roots. To protect a tree, the **root zone needs 10 feet beyond the canopy to be protected** from damage by digging and weight that compacts the earth around it. This would go 35' past the property line into 650 Divisadero.

We have already lost 2 parties being offered our units, who rejected them because of the inevitable loss of light and views, but also for the building construction which we have been informed will be 7 days per week. The sunlight flooding our kitchens and dining rooms, the sunset views, and our tree have been the features that have made our building unique in this area and of interest to renters. Do we need to also lose long term tenants because of construction noise on weekends, in addition to losing sunlight, views and possibly the tree? We are located on a **residential street**

and believe 7 day per week construction is unacceptable.

I feel the cost to us as adjacent neighbors is too much and request some consideration from the commission. How much are we as neighbors expected to pay and or lose for the success of this enterprise?

Sincerely,

Donna Thomson

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Subject: FW: 650 Grove Project
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 4:25:46 PM

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Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Ionin, Jonas (CPC); cpccommissionsecretary@sfgov.com
Subject: 650 Grove Project

Re: Planning Commission Meeting set for September 28, 2017

Project: 650 Grove St

Adjacent Property: 1265 Grove St

August 29, 2017

Dear Mr Ionin,

I need your help. Since I have never heard from any of the Planning Commissioners concerning my proposed site visit invitation, encouraged by Commissioner Richards, mailed on March 24, 2017, today I'm sending out another invitation without my letter, just a short list of my concerns. Since I believe it imperative that someone sees the site, to fully understand my concerns, and to be able to visualize the problems as they relate to the proposed plan, I am asking you to forward my complete thoughts to the commissioners.

Here is my formal letter:

Commissioner Richards suggested to me in July 2016 when the meeting for this project was postponed until October, that I write a letter for the record and might request that members of the commission come to our property, since I would be out of town in October. The hearing dates were changed in October.

Our property at 1265 Grove was the most adversely impacted by the proposed project. On March 24th 2017 I emailed my invitation with a 2nd letter to each member of the Planning Commission and have not received a single response thus far.

My original letter found its way to the back of a packet for the project that was put

together expressly for the Planning Commission to review. I was more than disappointed and discouraged that it was relegated to the very last page of about 100 pages of public comment, many of which were written by people who do not even live in the neighborhood. I have to wonder if any of you even saw it, with so much to read.

I have 5 major concerns and unless there is a site visit, I do not believe the commissioners could visualize the unique problems the plans, as currently proposed, would cause to our building. My concerns include:

- **undermining of our foundation and potential theft.**
- the proposed **7' Privacy fence on the property line**
- **sound being funneled into our building**
- **killing of our 4 storey tree**
- **7 day per week construction**

Concerns about our foundation being undermined can be alleviated by the current wall between the 2 properties remaining in place and being strengthened, as proposed to us by the Szetos at a meeting in March of this year. This would also eliminate access to our property, which is protected by that wall, and the possibility of theft because our tenants' back doors would be left exposed without the wall.

Concerns about light may be alleviated somewhat with their plan to build 6'–10' from the property line starting at our light well, but creating a 7' privacy screen at the property line will eliminate some of that light gain. Our tenants' **large dining room windows are 4' from the property line** (see photos #65 the window on the left is the kitchen window, that in the center is the side dining room window. The large dining room window is actually closer to the property line by 2' instead of 4'), so this is a claustrophobic prospect. My suggestion is to require that the planters and privacy fence be moved 5' from the property line and the screening be required to prevent falling, not to obstruct the little light we will have left. Their 18' setback from the property line on the 2 top floors does precious little for light, since they are above our roofline. On our block, the corner building on Divisadero and the north side of Grove, which looms over a much shorter building is set 3' back from the property line, allowing the owner of the shorter building access to the side of his building for painting and other repairs. I would like this same consideration (see photos #112 & #113).

With this new building going up near the Independent nightclub, the amplification of sound is inevitable. While the property owners at 650 Divisadero believe any noise issues would be better addressed by the nightclub, I believe the 6 stories of their building proposed at the property line with the club will create a funnel for sound going directly into our building by way of their rear yard setback. For that reason my husband and I are requesting a **discretionary review of sound** as it would impact our building.

Their plans to dig below grade at the property line will damage and most likely kill our walnut tree which stands 4 1/2 stories tall and spans over 75', because part of the root system supporting the weight of the tree is under their current foundation. This would expose us to massive liability law suits should the tree die from mishandling and fall, damaging neighboring properties. My suggestion is to require a **tree protection plan overseen by a consulting arborist**, not a certified arborist, **and a significant bond** that would protect us financially, if the tree dies within 5 years of the construction. I would urge the commission to **deny the rear yard setback variance** being sought **unless this provision was met by the owners of 650 Grove St.** If the rear yard were on the ground floor as it should be according to building code, since residential units start there,

my tree roots would not be damaged. The variance is being sought to allow stacked parking in the critical root zone of our tree. Besides the damage to roots by cutting through them, compaction of soil is also a significant way to kill a tree. Allowing building materials and equipment to sit over the root zone can kill the roots. To protect a tree, the **root zone needs 10 feet beyond the canopy to be protected** from damage by digging and weight that compacts the earth around it. This would go 35' past the property line into 650 Divisadero.

We have already lost 2 parties being offered our units, who rejected them because of the inevitable loss of light and views, but also for the building construction which we have been informed will be 7 days per week. The sunlight flooding our kitchens and dining rooms, the sunset views, and our tree have been the features that have made our building unique in this area and of interest to renters. Do we need to also lose long term tenants because of construction noise on weekends, in addition to losing sunlight, views and possibly the tree? We are located on a **residential street** and believe 7 day per week construction is unacceptable.

I feel the cost to us as adjacent neighbors is too much and request some consideration from the commission. How much are we as neighbors expected to pay and or lose for the success of this enterprise?

Sincerely,

Donna Thomson

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Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#); [Son, Chanbory \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: August 26 – Thank you from Mayor Lee
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 3:17:48 PM

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From: Lee, Mayor (MYR)
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 6:00 PM
Subject: August 26 – Thank you from Mayor Lee

Dear City Employee:

This weekend, San Francisco stood together to reject hate and violence. Throughout our city, the themes of love and compassion were on full display.

I am incredibly grateful to all the public safety agencies who worked tirelessly to keep our city safe: police officers, firefighters, EMS workers, 911 emergency dispatchers, and deputy sheriffs.

I want to thank all our City employees who worked in support of this weekend's gatherings, ensuring everyone remained safe: Recreation and Parks, Public Works, Department of Public Health, Municipal Transportation Agency, 311, and many others.

I want to offer profound thanks to our residents, community groups, faith-based representatives, labor organizations, advocates and members of the Board of Supervisors who led and participated in rallies of unity and love.

There were zero injuries related to the demonstrations on Saturday, despite the potential for violence that we have seen in other cities when similar protests have been held.

This year, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love. We proved this weekend that the legacy of that movement remains strong, half a century later.

Sincerely,
Edwin M. Lee
Mayor, City & County of San Francisco

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Cc: [Son, Chanbory \(CPC\)](#); [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** UPDATE *** MAYOR LEE ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO AUGUST 26 RALLY
Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:34:05 AM
Attachments: [8.25.17 UPDATE August 26 Rally Developments.pdf](#)

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From: MayorsPressOffice, MYR (MYR)
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:04 PM
Subject: *** UPDATE *** MAYOR LEE ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO AUGUST 26 RALLY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Friday, August 25, 2017

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, 415-554-6131

***** UPDATE *****

**MAYOR LEE ON DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO AUGUST
26 RALLY**

“The Golden Gate National Recreation Area has confirmed that the Patriot Prayer group has relinquished the permit for a rally at Crissy Field on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Public safety is always our top priority. The San Francisco Police Department and our City's public safety agencies are prepared for any contingencies and spontaneous events. San Francisco does not welcome outside agitators whose messages of hate have the sole purpose of inciting violence.

No permits have been requested or issued for Alamo Square this weekend. SFPD will have an enhanced presence at Alamo Square and in the surrounding neighborhoods. I want to reinforce that existing San Francisco law prohibits firearms and weapons in city parks. Those who seek to commit acts of violence or damage property will be arrested and prosecuted.

We continue to encourage residents to attend peaceful gatherings and not engage with those who seek to disrupt our communities. Today, we showed the world what peace and unity looks like. We stood together and stated resoundingly that San Francisco is a city of love and

compassion and does not tolerate hate.”

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Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#); [Son, Chanbory \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: *** STATEMENT *** MAYOR LEE ON THE PEACEFUL EVENTS OF AUGUST 26
Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:33:06 AM
Attachments: [8.26.17 Peaceful Events of Aug 26.pdf](#)

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Sent: Saturday, August 26, 2017 7:14 PM
Subject: *** STATEMENT *** MAYOR LEE ON THE PEACEFUL EVENTS OF AUGUST 26

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Saturday, August 26, 2017

Contact: Mayor's Office of Communications, 415-554-6131

***** STATEMENT *****

MAYOR LEE ON THE PEACEFUL EVENTS OF AUGUST 26

"Today, the people of San Francisco, once again, peacefully united to reject hate and violence.

I want to thank the residents, the community groups, the activists, members of the Board of Supervisors and all San Franciscans that led and participated in peaceful gatherings and marches. Throughout our city the theme of love and compassion loudly dominated the rhetoric of hate and violence.

I am incredibly grateful to all the public safety agencies who continue to work hard this evening to keep our city safe: police officers, firefighters, EMS workers, 911 emergency dispatchers, deputy sheriffs and highway patrol officers. Thank you to the city employees that dedicated so much effort to the many peaceful gatherings around the city: Recreation and Park, Public Works, Department of Public Health, Municipal Transportation Agency, among others.

This year, we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love. The events of today prove that the legacy of that movement remains strong, half a century later.

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*** *To view Mayor Lee and San Francisco Police Chief Scott's comments on the events of today:*

<https://twitter.com/mayoredlee/status/901591634550202368>

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Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#); [Son, Chanbory \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Commission Update for Week of August 28, 2017
Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:32:55 AM
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From: Tsang, Francis
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Tsang, Francis
Subject: Commission Update for Week of August 28, 2017

Colleagues,

Please find a memo attached that outlines items before commissions and boards for this week.
Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!
Francis

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Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: PC meeting 8/24/17- agenda items 21, 22
Date: Monday, August 28, 2017 8:56:32 AM

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Subject: PC meeting 8/24/17- agenda items 21, 22

Dear Planning Commissioners,

Some comments and FYI regarding yesterday's meeting and related cannabis issues to follow:

- Thank you for not continuing these applications until next month, and for your eventual Vapor Room Collective approval later in the evening which I was unable to attend and offer public comment.
- Earlier reasoning for continuing the items based on upcoming changes in state law- FYI, the Bureau of Cannabis Control (formerly Bureau of Medical Cannabis Regulation) from the outset of forming regulations has encouraged local jurisdictions / municipalities to enact their own regulations, including licensing (dispensing, cultivation, edibles, etc.) and that licensed entities before Jan. 1 2018 would receive priority state licensing consideration, which will be required.
- Additionally, it is noteworthy that current proposed BCC regulations do not provide for adult use distribution in medical cannabis dispensaries, which seemed a topic of concern earlier yesterday.
- Finally, I am opposed to the medical cannabis dispensary moratorium. Well regulated SF is a model for medical cannabis oversight. "Green zoning" leaves patients under served in many sections of the city. The current review process has protected neighbors and community, but reasonable exceptions should be found to accommodate the needs of patients.

Of course, I recognize and thank your commission for your vast important considerations and impressive work load.

Respectfully

Charley Pappas- vice chairman, Berkeley Cannabis Commission
co-founder, chairman, Divinity Tree Patients Wellness Coop, SF (2005-2012)

From: [Secretary, Commissions \(CPC\)](#)
To: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Case No. 2013.1543, 1979 Mission Street Mixed-Use Project
Date: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:24:03 AM

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Cc: Lee, Mayor (MYR); Ronen, Hillary; Allbee, Nate; Rahaim, John (CPC); Sucre, Richard (CPC); Dwyer, Debra (CPC); andy@plaza16.org
Subject: RE: Case No. 2013.1543, 1979 Mission Street Mixed-Use Project

Dear President Hillis and Planning Commissioners,

My name is Julian Penrose. I live (in a BMR unit), work, and vote in the city of San Francisco. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the project proposed for 1979 Mission Street by Maximus Real Estate Partners, known widely as the "Monster in the Mission." As you know, the Mission District is facing a dire crisis of community and cultural displacement. To address this crisis, we must prioritize deeply affordable housing at this site, not a project of mostly luxury-priced housing that will further accelerate gentrification and the displacement of the existing residents, SRO hotels, mom and pop businesses, nonprofit organizations, arts and cultural spaces, PDR spaces etc. I urge you to recognize the urgent crisis facing the neighborhood, acknowledge the impact of the current massive and unsustainable imbalance of market-rate vs. affordable development in the neighborhood, and reject this project outright.

Furthermore, the Maximus project would have a significant negative impact on the Marshall Elementary School community. Not only would almost none of the housing in the project be affordable to the majority of families and employees at this Spanish immersion school, the project would also cast a shadow over the school's playground for most of the school day. For many students this playground is their primary outdoor recreational space. The developer's proposal to raise the playground would not sufficiently mitigate the shadow impact. We stand with the many Marshall community members who oppose this project due to its unaffordability and student-harming shadow impacts.

With the overwhelming influx of market-rate development across the Mission, we must prioritize affordable housing at all remaining building sites. Yet as 16th and Mission is one of the City's busiest public transportation hubs, affordable housing there is even more essential. [Recent research](#) confirms that low income households use public transit at much higher rates than higher income households that drive and/or use car shares at much higher rates. Therefore, building deeply affordable versus market-rate housing at 16th and Mission would benefit the environment and our city with reduced greenhouse emissions and less street congestion!

The Maximus project would exacerbate the Mission's displacement crisis, would cast both a metaphorical and literal shadow of the Marshall School community, and would likely result in both increased pollution and traffic. Instead of the Monster, I support a plan for the site such as the "Marvel," the community serving project envisioned and created with input from over **300 community members via a grassroots year-long process** anchored by the Plaza 16 Coalition. I strongly urge you to fulfill your sacred duty as city planners and use your significant power to reject an unaffordable,

community-harming Monster in the Mission and instead advocate for an affordable, community-serving Marvel.

Sincerely,

Julian Penrose

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Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#); [Foster, Nicholas \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: 8/31/17 Planning Commission - No. 12 -- 2017-002430CUA -- 948-950 Lombard & 841 Chestnut
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:33:25 AM
Attachments: [948-950 Lombard-841 Chestnut.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Subject: 8/31/17 Planning Commission - No. 12 -- 2017-002430CUA -- 948-950 Lombard & 841 Chestnut
Importance: High

Commissioner Hillis, attached and pasted below is the Russian Hill Community Association request that the Conditional Use for this project be denied. We request that Commission Secretary Ionin distribute this letter to the Commissioners and Planner Foster note in his remarks to the Commission that this letter and other communications objecting to the CU request have been received.

Russian Hill Community Association

1166 Green St. San Francisco, CA 94109 510-928-8243 rhcasf.com

August 30, 2017

President Rich Hillis and
Members of the San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street Room 400
San Francisco, CA 94103-2479

Re: 8/31/17 Planning Commission Agenda No. 12
Case No. 2017-002430CUA 948-950 Lombard Street & 841 Chestnut Street

Dear President Hillis and Members of the Planning Commission:

You need to read between the lines of the Executive Summary for the Conditional Use request

for a lot merger for the above project to realize that **there has been a massive failure of the Planning process resulting in the loss of a historic resource and potential significant negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.**

- While the history of the project is less than clearly outlined, either deliberately or inadvertently, it is worth noting that the Executive Summary Project History identifies **12 separate applications/permits**. And more are listed on the Department of Building Inspection's database. Also significant are the **litany of errors, omissions, oversights and lack of coordination between Planning and the Department of Building Inspection noted in the Project History:**

- "Building Permit Application No. 2011.11.04.8277 was filed and approved on November 4, 2011, to correct the record and validate the approved permit at both legal properties." [Project History Par. 2]
- "Planning Department Staff approved the merger of the subject lots (Lots 10 and 17) on April 22, 2015 based upon incomplete information contained within the Department of Building Inspection (DBI) Report of Residential Building Record ("3-R Report). [Project History Par.5]
- "On April 2, 2016, a complaint was filed on the property regarding work beyond the scope of permit...On June 9, 2016, building Permit Application No. 2016.06.09.9584 was issued with an engineer's notice and no plans...No changes to approved design proposed." [Project History Par. 6]
- "On June 15, 2016, building Permit Application No. 2016.06.15.9992 was submitted with one sheet of plans illustrating the full removal of all historic material...The plans were approved by DBI without Planning Department review or approval." [Project History Par.6]
- "At the time all plans were submitted, the property had been effectively demolished; all permits were filed to correct the record." [Project History Par. 6]
- "On July 6, 2016, a complaint was filed with the Planning Department ... citing the possible demolition of a historic resource without Planning Department approval...Planning Department Staff conducted a site visit on November 8, 2016, where it was determined that the building was composed of all new framing and sheathing." [Project History. Par 7]

The Russian Hill Community Association respectfully requests that the Planning Commission consider all of the facts and circumstances of this situation and deny the request for a lot merger.

Unfortunately, the stipulation in the settlement agreement requiring that all future permits be reviewed by the Planning Department and that the Project Sponsor not exceed the scope of work on approved permits does not provide the assurance that it should.

Violators of the Planning and Building Codes should not be rewarded. The requested merger of the two lots should be denied. Alternatives for access to the properties need to be explored. This is a precedent setting case and should not be addressed to simply clear the calendar. Please deny the Conditional Use request to merge two lots.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Courtney
Chair, Housing & Zoning Committee

Cc: Jamie Cherry, Jeff Cheney, RHCA; Robyn Tucker, PANA; Bob Bluhm, RHN; District 2 Supervisor Mark Farrell

From: [Ionin, Jonas \(CPC\)](#)
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Cc: [Gerber, Patricia \(CPC\)](#)
Subject: FW: Submission for 437 Hoffman Avenue. 2015-003686 DRP, hearing on September 14, 2017
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 11:30:43 AM
Attachments: [2017-08-24 DR for 437 Hoffman, supplemental submission of petitioner Beffel \(00609160xB2B8F\).pdf](#)

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Subject: Submission for 437 Hoffman Avenue. 2015-003686 DRP, hearing on September 14, 2017

Dear Commissions Secretary:

Attached please find my supplemental submission to be included with supporting papers for the PC hearing in a few weeks. Please acknowledge receipt.

We reserve the right to file additional supplemental papers, if the project sponsor submits revised plans to Planning. To the best of my knowledge, the continuance requested by the developer has not resulted in submission to Planning of revised plans.

Our suggestion, made in prior submissions, remains for the project sponsor to scale back this project in line with 55 Homestead Street, an ongoing project similarly situated and within 200 feet of this site. While 3500 square feet is more than fifty percent larger than the average residence on Block 6503, it would be much more reasonable than 5350 square feet. Similarly, 35 feet over grade would be more reasonable than 53 feet over grade.

If you need an additional copy of my prior submission to include in the September meeting materials, please advise and I will send another copy.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Ernie Beffel

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