



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Executive Summary Condominium Conversion Subdivision

HEARING DATE: APRIL 26, 2018
CONSENT CALENDAR

Record No.: **2017-001673CND**
Project Address: 557 FILLMORE STREET
Zoning: RM-1 (Residential- Mixed, Low Density District)
40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 0827/002
Applicant: Cam Perridge
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Recommendation: **Approval with Conditions**

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Project is a Condominium Conversion Subdivision to convert a four-story, six-unit building into residential condominiums. No alterations to the building are proposed other than those that result from the Department of Building Inspection's Physical Inspection Report.

REQUIRED COMMISSION ACTION

The Subdivision Code requires that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing to review condominium conversion subdivisions containing five to six residential units for consistency with the General Plan. The proposed project requires Planning Commission approval under Section 3.527 of the Charter and Sections 1332 and 1381 of the Subdivision Code to allow the condominium conversion subdivision of five to six residential unit buildings. Findings must be made that the proposal is consistent with the General Plan and the Subdivision Code.

ISSUES AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- **Existing Tenant & Eviction History:** One of the six units is vacant. Of the remaining five units, four are occupied by tenants who intend to purchase the unit. There is no known evidence of any evictions on the subject property. See Exhibit C for Eviction History documentation.

BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department finds that the Project is, on balance, consistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan. The Project will maintain the existing supply of housing while allowing for home ownership opportunities for San Francisco residents.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Motion – Condominium Conversion Subdivision
Exhibit A – Exhibits
Exhibit B – Eviction History Documentation



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Planning Commission Draft Motion

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION SUBDIVISION OF A FOUR-STORY, SIX-UNIT BUILDING INTO RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS, PURSUANT TO THE GENERAL PLAN AND SUBDIVISION CODE SECTIONS 1386 AND 1396.4, WITHIN A RM-1 (RESIDENTIAL-MIXED, LOW DENSITY) ZONING DISTRICT AND A 40-X HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

On February 8, 2017, Cam Perridge of SirkinLaw APC (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping for Planning Department review to allow the Condominium Conversion Subdivision of a four-story, six-unit building into residential condominiums within a RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. The subject building is considered a legal use as the Report of Residential Building Record indicates that the legal authorized occupancy is a six-unit dwelling.

The Planning Department Commission Secretary is the custodian of records; the File for Case No. 2017-001673CND is located at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California.

On April 26, 2018, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on the Condominium Conversion Subdivision Application No. 2017-001673CND.

Section 1396.4, Article 9 of the Subdivision Code of the City and County of San Francisco sets forth the following rules and regulations for condominium conversions:

- A. Units may be converted to condominiums so long as they meet the requirements of the Expedited Conversion Program per the Subdivision Code Section 1396.4. An exception is provided for two-unit buildings where both units are owner-occupied for one year.

B. The following categories of buildings may be converted to condominiums:

- i. Buildings consisting of four units or less in which at least one of the units has been occupied continuously by one of the owners of record for six years prior to the annual April 15 triggering date for conversion and the owners of record had a fully executed agreement for an exclusive right of occupancy on or before April 15, 2013.
- ii. Buildings consisting of five or six units in which at least three of the units have been occupied continuously by three of the owners of record for six years prior to the annual April 15 triggering date for conversion and the owners of record had a fully executed agreement for an exclusive right of occupancy on or before April 15, 2013.

The Subdivision Code requires that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing to review condominium conversion subdivisions containing five to six units for consistency with the General Plan and applicable provisions of the Subdivision Code where at least one unit is residential. The Code calls for a sales program which promotes affirmative action in housing, a non-transferable tenant right of first-refusal to purchase the unit occupied by the tenant and various relocation requirements, including the right to a \$1,000 relocation payment.

The Subdivision Code further provides for a recorded offer of a lifetime lease for all tenants as a condition of final map approval, and requires that no less than 40 percent of the units as represented through the owning or renting tenant of each unit either have signed Intent to Purchase forms or be in a position of accepting the offer for such a lifetime lease. The Code prohibits any increase in rents while the conversion application is pending before the City.

Section 1386, Article 9 of the Subdivision Code of the City and County of San Francisco requires that the Planning Commission disapprove the Tentative Map if it determines that vacancies in the project have been increased, elderly or permanently disabled tenants have been displaced or discriminated against in leasing units, evictions have occurred for the purpose of preparing the building for conversion, or the subdivider has knowingly submitted incorrect information (to mislead or misdirect efforts by agencies of the City in the administration of the Subdivision Code). In the evaluation of displacement of elderly tenants, the Commission shall consider any such displacements over the preceding three years and the reasons for the displacement.

The project was determined not to be a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15060(c) and 15378 because there is no direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

The Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, Department staff and other interested parties.

MOVED, that the Commission hereby approves the Condominium Conversion Subdivision requested in Application No. 2017-001673CND based on the following findings:

FINDINGS

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

1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.
2. The applicant requests Planning Department review of a Condominium Conversion Subdivision Application to allow for the conversion of the multi-unit building.
3. As required by Section 1396.4 of the San Francisco Subdivision Code, at least three of the units have been owner occupied continuously by one or more of the owners of record for six years prior to the annual April 15 triggering date for this proposed conversion and the owners of record had a fully executed agreement for an exclusive right of occupancy on or before April 15, 2013.
4. Tenants in the subject building were notified of their right of first-refusal to purchase the unit they occupy, as required by the Subdivision Code, and of other rights to which they are entitled under provisions of the same Code.
5. A search of the Rent Board database did not show any tenant petitions or no-fault eviction notices filed with the Rent Board in the last 5 years.
6. On balance, the Project is consistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan, as follows:

HOUSING ELEMENT

Objectives and Policies

OBJECTIVE 2:

RETAIN EXISTING HOUSING UNITS, AND PROMOTE SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE STANDARDS, WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING AFFORDABILITY.

Policy 2.4

Promote improvements and continued maintenance to existing units to ensure long term habitation and safety.

OBJECTIVE 3:

PROTECT THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, ESPECIALLY RENTAL UNITS.

Policy 3.3:

Maintain balance in affordability of existing housing stock by supporting affordable moderate ownership opportunities.

The Project allows San Franciscans to achieve affordable homeownership by providing a category of housing stock for moderate income housing needs. Through the Expedited Conversion Program, properties are eligible to convert from rental units to ownership status so long as owner-occupancy requirements are met.

The property owners will be required to correct outstanding code violations identified in a Physical Inspection Report issued by the Department of Building Inspection (DBI). All work must be completed and a DBI Certificate of Final Completion must be issued prior to DPW approval.

7. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the project complies with said policies in that:

- A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses be enhanced.

The proposal would have no adverse effect upon existing neighborhood-serving retail uses as it is a change in form of residential tenure.

- B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not alter the existing housing and neighborhood character of the vicinity.

- C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

No housing would be removed for this project.

- D. That commuter traffic not impede MUNI transit service or overburden our streets or neighborhood parking.

The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not affect public transit or neighborhood parking.

- E. That a diverse economic base be maintained by protecting our industrial and service sectors from displacement due to commercial office development, and that future opportunities for resident employment and ownership in these sectors be enhanced.

The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not involve the industrial or service sectors of the City.

- F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The proposal is subject to inspection by the Department of Building Inspection and will be required to make any code required repairs, including those related to life safety issues, prior to the recordation of the final condominium subdivision map.

- G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not affect landmarks or historic buildings.

- H. That our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development.

The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not affect public parks or open space.

8. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.
9. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Condominium Conversion Subdivision would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

DECISION

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, Department staff and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **APPROVES Condominium Conversion Subdivision Application No. 2017-001673CND.**

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on June 2, 2018.

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

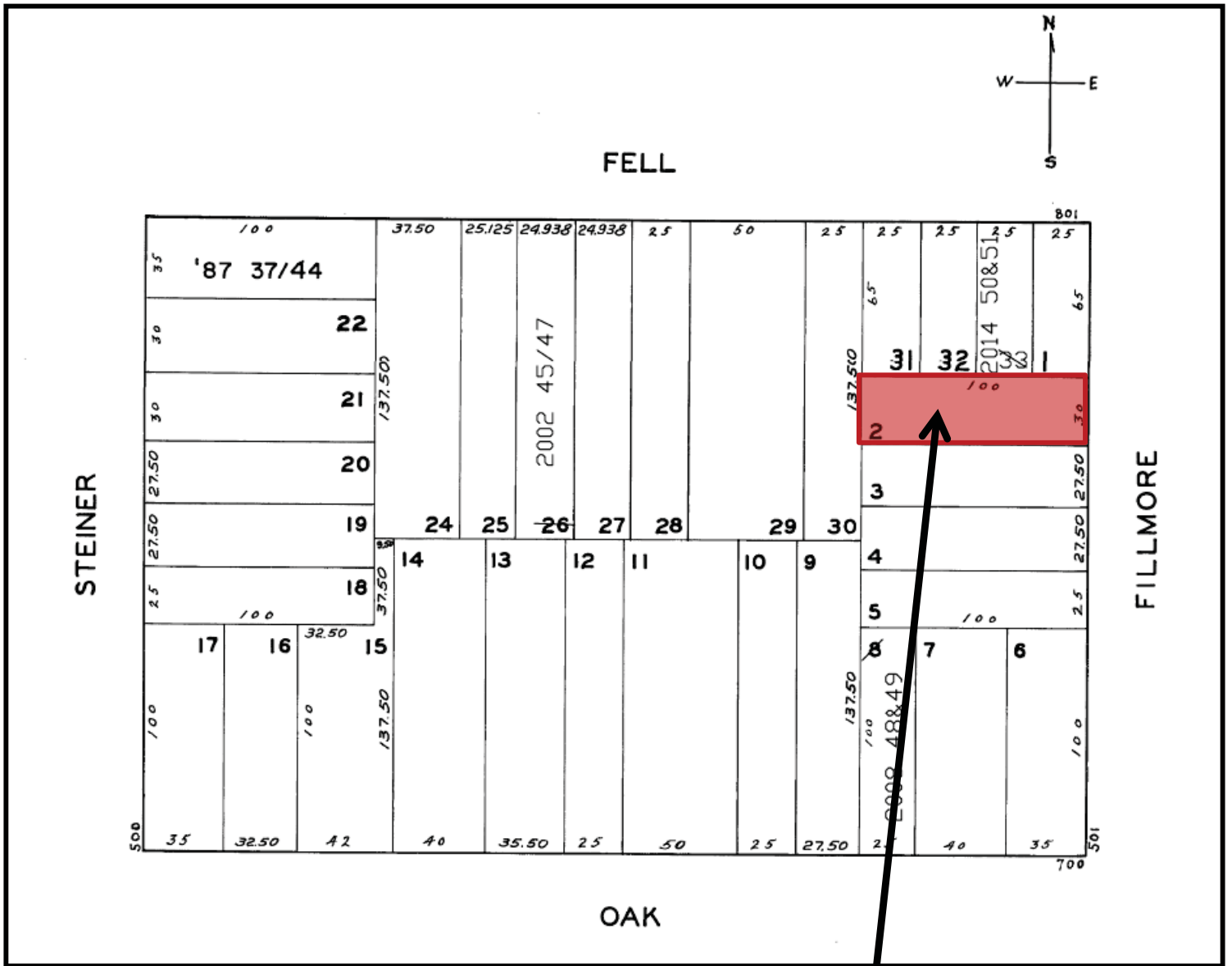
AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ADOPTED: April 26, 2018

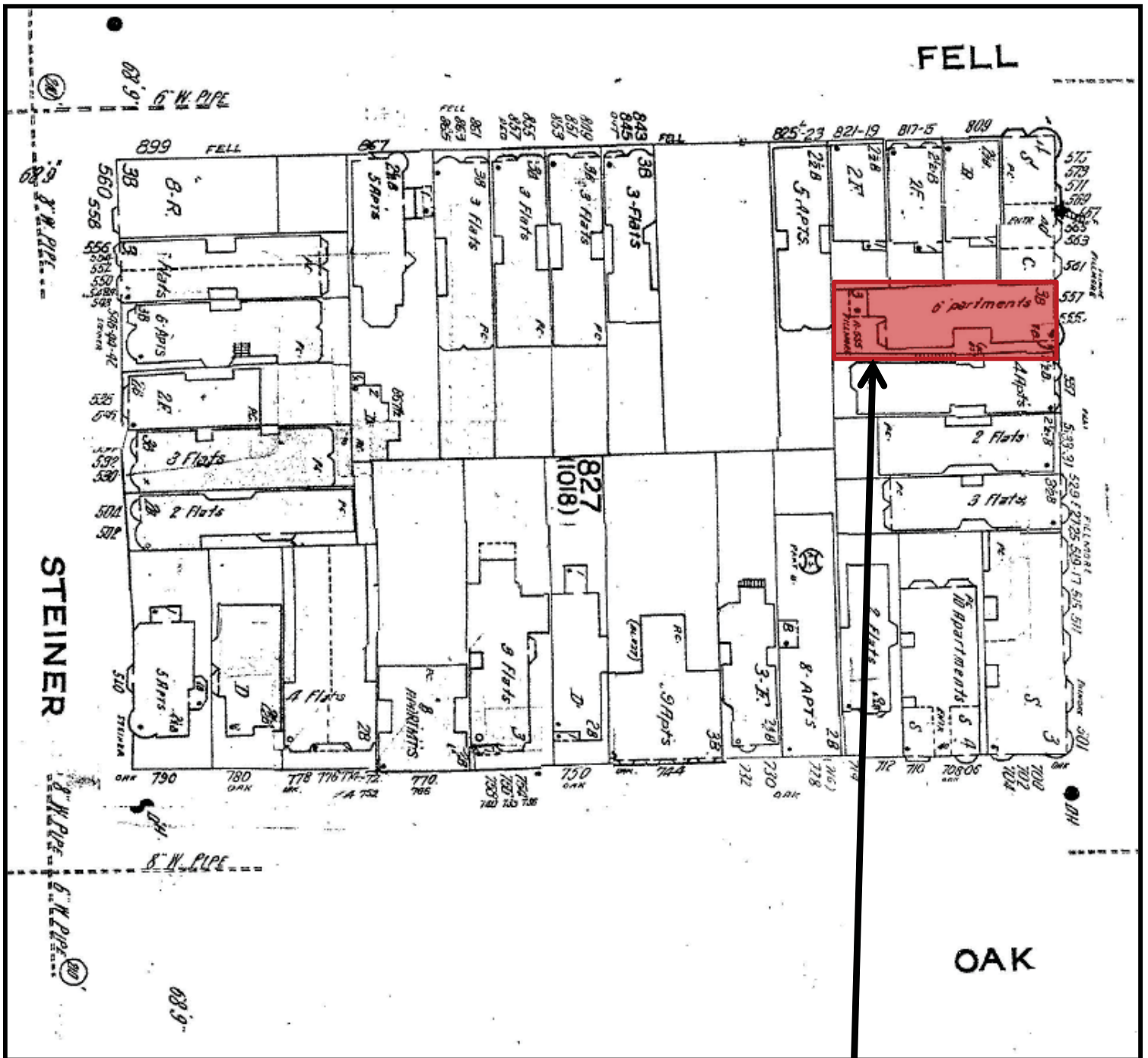
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SUBJECT PROPERTY



Sanborn Map



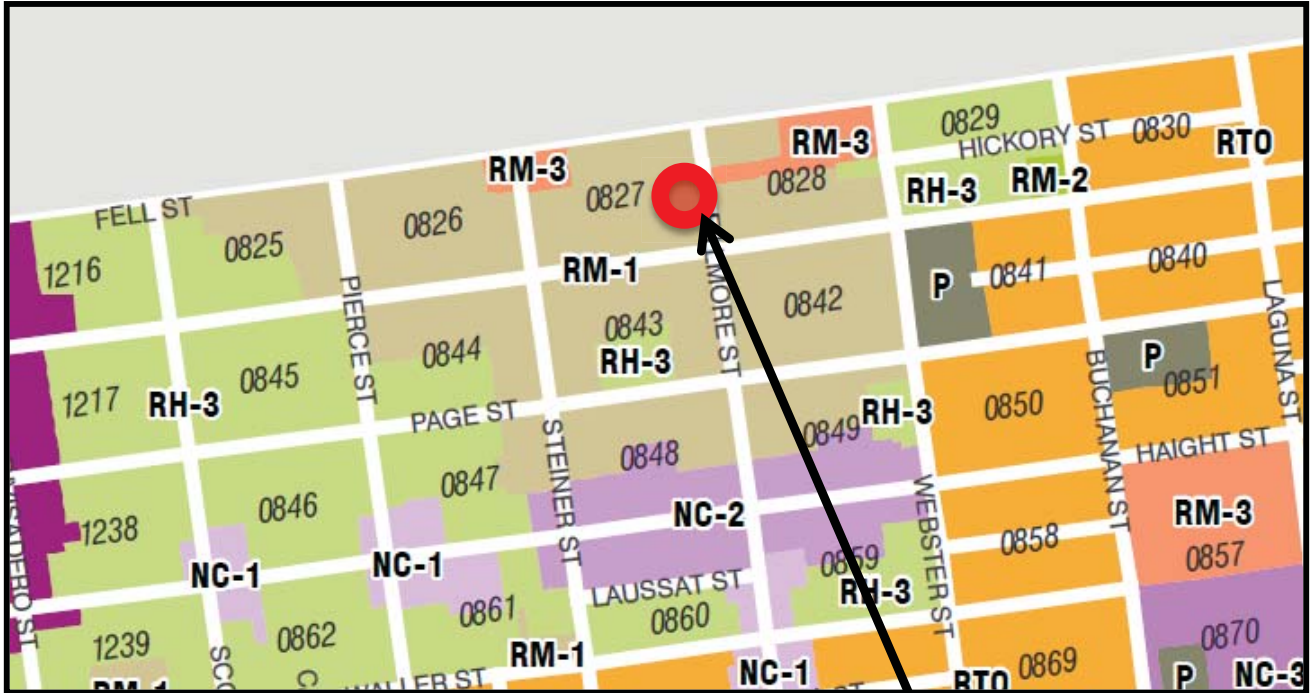
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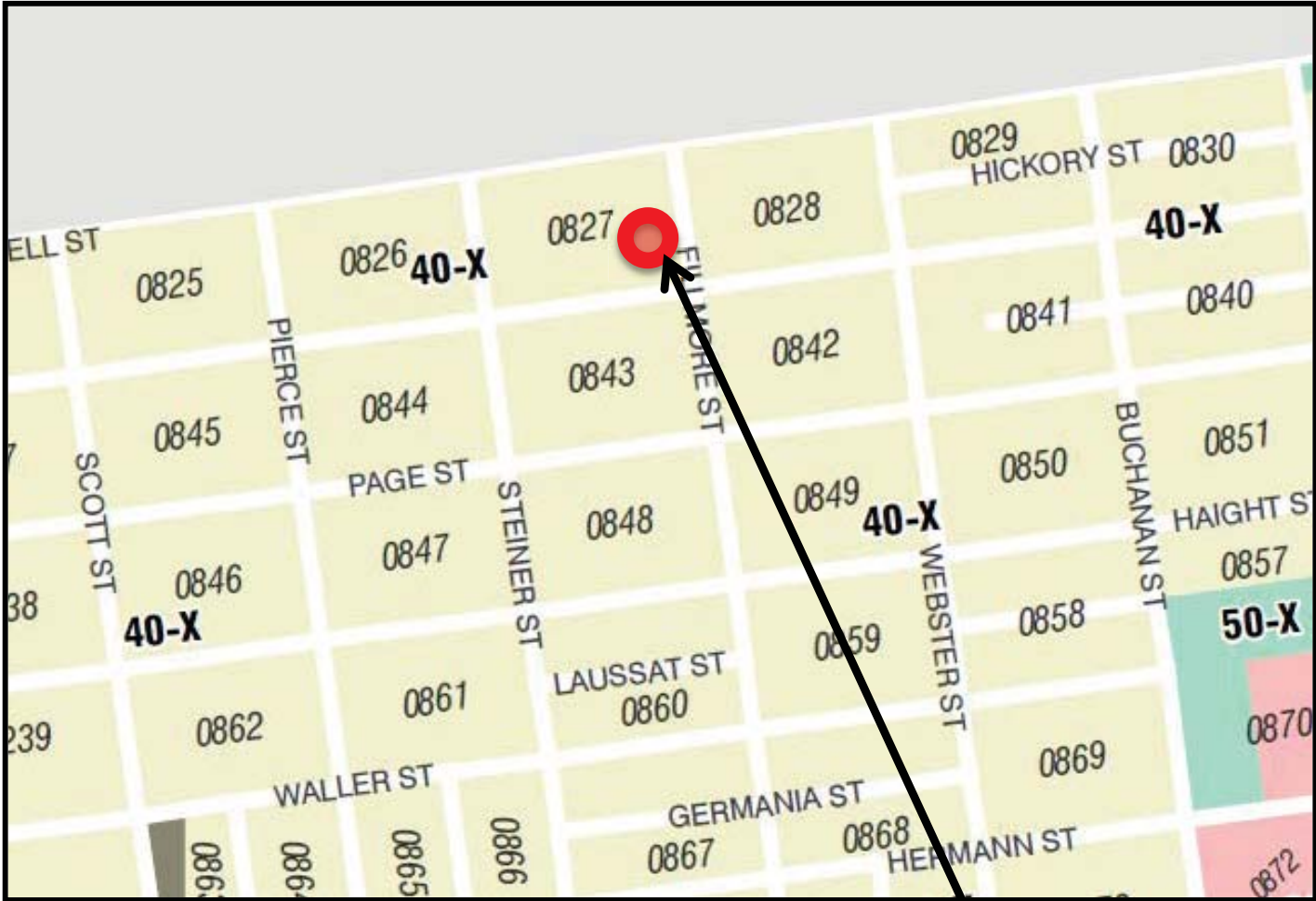
Zoning Map



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Height and Bulk Map



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Aerial Photo



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Site Photo



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Rent Board Response to Request from Planning Department for Eviction History Documentation

Re: 557 Fillmore St.

This confirms that the undersigned employee of the San Francisco Rent Board has reviewed its records pertaining to the above-referenced unit(s) to determine whether there is any evidence of evictions on or after the date specified. All searches are based upon the street addresses provided.

No related eviction notices were filed at the Rent Board after:

- 12/10/13
- 03/13/14
- 10 years prior to the following date: 5/1/15

Yes, an eviction notice was filed at the Rent Board after:

- 12/10/13
- 03/13/14
- 10 years prior to the following date: _____
 - o See attached documents.

There are no other Rent Board records evidencing an eviction after:

- 12/10/13
- 03/13/14
- 10 years prior to the following date: 5/1/15

Yes, there are other Rent Board records evidencing a an eviction after:

- 12/10/13
- 03/13/14
- 10 years prior to the following date: _____
 - o See attached documents.

Signed: 
Van Lam
Citizens Complaint Officer

Dated: 3-27-18

The Rent Board is the originating custodian of these records; the applicability of these records to Planning permit decisions resides with the Planning Department.