

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION



Notice of Hearing & Agenda

Remote Hearing
via video and teleconferencing

Thursday, October 14, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Commissioners:

Joel Koppel, President
Kathrin Moore, Vice President
Deland Chan, Sue Diamond, Frank Fung,
Theresa Imperial, Rachael Tanner

Commission Secretary:

Jonas P. Ionin

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ROLL CALL:

President: Joel Koppel
 Vice-President: Kathrin Moore
 Commissioners: Deland Chan, Sue Diamond, Frank Fung,
 Theresa Imperial, Rachael Tanner

A. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE

The Commission will consider a request for continuance to a later date. The Commission may choose to continue the item to the date proposed below, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

1. 2020-007481CUA (G. PANTOJA: (628) 652-7380)
5367 DIAMOND HEIGHTS BOULEVARD (1900 DIAMOND STREET) – east side between Gold Mine Drive and Diamond Street; Lot 018 in Assessor’s Block 7535 (District 8) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.2, 303, and 304 for the subdivision of an existing approximately 34, 714 square foot lot into six new lots and the construction of a detached parking garage and 14 residential buildings (10 duplexes and four single-family residences) for a total of 24 residential dwelling units, 36 off-street parking spaces, and 48 Class 1 bicycle-parking spaces within a RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The dwelling units will range in size from 1,789 to 3,954 square feet in area and contain three to four bedrooms. Under the Planned Unit Development, the proposal is seeking exceptions from the lot area (Planning Code Section 121), front setback (Planning Code Section 132), and rear yard (Planning Code Section 134) requirements. The proposal is also seeking a Conditional Use Authorization required per interim controls Board File No. 201370 (Resolution No. 10-21) for the construction of a residential development that does not maximize the principally permitted residential density of the subject lot. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
 (Continued from Regular hearing on August 26, 2021)
(Proposed for Continuance to November 4, 2021)

2. 2016-011827ENX (E. JARDINES: (628) 652-7531)
1500 15TH STREET – northwest corner of South Van Ness Avenue, Lots 016 and 018 in Assessor’s Block 3548 (District 9) – Request for **Large Project Authorization** (LPA) pursuant to Planning Code Section 329, for the Project proposing a lot merger and new construction of an approximately 85-foot tall, eight-story-over-basement residential building (measuring approximately 66,388 gross square feet (gsf)) with ground floor retail measuring approximately 3,798 gsf. The Project would construct a total of 160 group housing units (225 beds total inclusive of 65 beds below-grade via 16 bedrooms with four and five beds per room), 52 Class 1 and 12 Class 2 bicycle parking spaces. The proposed project would utilize the State Density Bonus Law (California Government Code Sections 65915-65918) and proposes waivers for: 1) rear yard (PC 134), 2) street frontage ground-floor ceiling height, and 3) height (PC 250); as well as a concession/incentive for 4) usable open space (PC 135). The project site is located within a UMU (Urban Mixed-Use) Zoning District, and 58-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular hearing on July 22, 2021)
(Proposed for Indefinite Continuance)

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Planning Commission, and may be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission, the public, or staff so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this or a future hearing

3. [2021-006602CUA](#) (L. AJELLO: (628) 652-7353)
2104 HAYES STREET – northwest corner of Cole Street; Lot 009 in Assessor’s Block 1193 (District 5) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 303 and 710 to establish a Non-Residential Use Size greater than 3,000 square feet in order to expand an existing Child Care Facility (d.b.a. NoPA Montessori located at 2112 Hayes Street). The project is located within a NC-1 (Neighborhood Commercial, Cluster) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

4. Consideration of Adoption:
 - [Draft Minutes for September 30, 2021](#)
5. Commission Comments/Questions
 - Inquiries/Announcements. Without discussion, at this time Commissioners may make announcements or inquiries of staff regarding various matters of interest to the Commissioner(s).
 - Future Meetings/Agendas. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Planning Commission.

D. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

6. Director’s Announcements
7. Review of Past Events at the Board of Supervisors, Board of Appeals and Historic Preservation Commission

E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. When the number of speakers exceed the 15-minute limit, General Public Comment may be moved to the end of the Agenda.

F. REGULAR CALENDAR

The Commission Hearing Procedures provide for presentations by staff; followed by the project sponsor team; followed by public comment for and against the proposal. Please be advised that the project sponsor team includes: the sponsor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors.

8. [2021-007327PCA](#) (A. MERLONE: (628) 652-7534)
BUSINESS SIGNS ON AWNINGS AND MARQUEES [BF 210810] – Planning Code Amendment – Ordinance amending the Planning Code to allow business signs on awnings or marquees in addition to projecting signs in various neighborhood commercial and residential-commercial districts, and in certain Chinatown mixed use districts; applying business sign controls to additional Neighborhood Commercial Districts; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and public necessity, convenience, and general welfare findings pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Modifications
(Continued from Regular hearing on October 7, 2021)
Note: On October 7, 2021, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to October 14, 2021 by a vote of +6 -0.
9. [2021-007368PCA](#) (A. STARR: (628) 652-7533)
REPEALING ARTICLE 12 REGARDING OIL AND GAS FACILITIES [BF 210807] – Planning Code Amendments – Ordinance amending the Planning Code to repeal Article 12, which contains regulations governing land use activities associated with oil and gas exploration, development, and processing; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Modifications
10. [2021-007369PCA](#) (V. FLORES:(628) 652-7525)
REQUIREMENTS FOR LAUNDROMATS AND ON-SITE LAUNDRY SERVICES [BF 210808] – Planning Code Amendments – Ordinance amending the Planning Code to add Laundromat as a defined term, to require conditional use authorization for uses replacing Laundromats, and to prohibit Accessory Dwelling Units that reduce on-site laundry services unless replaced; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General

Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Modifications

11. [2021-007832PCA](#) (C. GROB: (628) 652-7532)
INCLUSIONARY HOUSING PROGRAM UPDATES [BF 210868] – Planning Code Amendments
– Ordinance amending the Planning Code to update inclusionary housing requirements affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve

12. [2019-016230CWP](#) (K. HADDADAN: (628) 652-7436)
HOUSING ELEMENT 2022 UPATE – Informational Presentation – The Housing Element 2022 Update of the General Plan is San Francisco's first housing plan centered in racial and social equity. This plan will express the city’s collective vision and values for the future of housing in San Francisco. It will also identify priorities for decision makers, guide resource allocation for housing programs and services, and define how and where the city should create new homes for San Franciscans, or those who want to call this city home. This update is due late 2022 and it will need to accommodate the creation of 82,000 units by 2031, a target set by State and Regional Agencies that has been tripled compared to the city’s current targets. Community outreach and engagement for the 2022 Update began in June 2020, and the second phase of outreach was launched in April 2021 with the release of the first draft goals, policies, and actions. The purpose of this hearing is to inform the public about the strategies used for outreach and engagement during Phase 2, the communities engaged, a brief overview of some of the input shared, and the upcoming steps to analyze public input to shape the second draft. Draft 2 is scheduled to be released early next year.
Preliminary Recommendation: None – Informational

13. [2017-015678CUA](#) (C. ALEXANDER: (628) 652-7334)
425 BROADWAY – south side between Montgomery and Kearny Streets; Lot 002 in Assessor's Block 0163 (District 3) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 121.1, 121.2, 253.1, 303 and 714, to develop on a large lot, exceed use size limits, and construct two buildings greater than 40 feet in height. The project would demolish the existing parking structure and construct two mixed-use buildings reaching heights of five-stories (56 feet) on Broadway and seven-stories (64 feet) on Montgomery Street with approximately 51,625 gross square feet of residential use, 4,940 gross square feet of retail use, and 18,735 gross square feet of design professional office use. The proposed project includes a total of 41 dwelling units, with a mix of 15 one-bedroom units, 21 two-bedroom units, and five three-bedroom units with five dwelling units provided as on-site affordable units. The Project would provide 17 off-street vehicle parking spaces, 46 Class 1 and seven Class 2 bicycle parking spaces, and one freight loading. The Project is utilizing the Individually Requested State Density Bonus Program to achieve a 20% density bonus thereby maximizing residential density on the Site pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65915-95918, as revised under Assembly Bill No. 2345 (AB 2345). The Project requests four (4) waivers from: Height (Section 250), Bulk (Section 270), Rear Yard (Section 134), and Dwelling Unit Exposure (Section 140). The

Project Site is located within the Broadway NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 65-A-1 Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular hearing on October 7, 2021)

14. [2018-004686CUA](#) (M. WOODS: (628) 652-7350)
[2350 GREEN STREET](#) – northeast corner at Pierce Street; Lots 007 and 013 in Assessor's Block 0538 (District 2) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 134, 209.1, 303 and 304 to allow a Planned Unit Development (PUD) at the Saint Vincent de Paul School with an enrollment up to 360 students. The proposal would include the renovation, expansion (totaling approximately 4,400 square feet of net new area), and construction of a new elevated play area above the existing corner parking lot. The proposal includes a PUD modification to Planning Code provisions related to the rear yard (Section 134). The project site is located in a RH-3 (Residential-House, Three-Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
- 15a. [2019-011944OFA](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)
[660 03RD STREET](#) – west side between Brannan and Townsend Streets; Lot 008 in Assessor's Block 3787 (District 6) – Request for **Office Development Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 321 and 322 to legalize approximately 36,699 square feet of office use from the 2020-2021 Office Development Annual Limit within an existing four-story former industrial building. The project site is located within a CMUO (Central SoMa Mixed-Use Office) Zoning District, Central SoMa SUD (Special Use District), and 65-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular hearing on August 26, 2021)
- 15b. [2019-011944VAR](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)
[660 03RD STREET](#) – west side between Brannan and Townsend Streets; Lot 008 in Assessor's Block 3787 (District 6) – Request for **Variance** from the Zoning Administrator to address the Planning Code requirements for ground floor active use requirements pursuant to Planning Code Section 145.1 and 249.78(c)(1)(B). In the Central SoMa Special Use District, office use is not considered an active use on the ground floor. The project site is located within a CMUO (Central SoMa Mixed Use Office) Zoning District, Central SoMa SUD (Special Use District), and 65-X Height and Bulk District.
- 16a. [2020-001610SHD](#) (J. HORN: (628) 652-7366)
[3832 18TH STREET](#) – north side between Church and Sanchez Streets; Lot 018 in Assessor's Block 3580 (District 8) – Request for adoption of **Shadow Findings** pursuant to Section 295 that net new shadow from the project would not adversely affect the use of Mission Dolores Park under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission. The Project Site is located within a RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt Findings

(Continued from Regular hearing on July 15, 2021)

Note: On July 15, 2021, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to October 14, 2021 by a vote of +5 -0 (Chan and Koppel absent).

- 16b. [2020-001610CUA](#) (J. HORN: (628) 652-7366)
3832 18TH STREET – north side between Church and Sanchez Streets; Lot 018 in Assessor's Block 3580 (District 8) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.2, 253, 303, and 317 to allow the demolition of an existing one-story single-family home, and new construction of a six-story, 60-foot-tall, 19-unit Group Housing residential project, with a 390-square-foot communal space, 890 square feet of common usable open space, 314 square feet of private usable open space (for two units), and 19 Class 1 and two Class 2 bicycle parking spaces and making findings of eligibility for the individually requested State Density Bonus Project. The Project would invoke the State Density Bonus law (California Government Code Sections 65915-65918) to receive waivers for: Height (Section 260), Rear Yard (Section 134), and Dwelling Unit Exposure (Section 140). The Project Site is located within a RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular hearing on July 15, 2021)
Note: On July 15, 2021, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to October 14, 2021 by a vote of +5 -0 (Chan and Koppel absent).
- 17a. [2019-013808CUA](#) (J. HORN: (628) 652-7366)
4300 17TH STREET – northwest corner of Ord Street; Lot 014A in Assessor's Block 2626 (District 8) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 249.77 and 303, to construct a 3,128 square-foot, three-story two-family dwelling on a new lot created through a subdivision of the existing 3,916- square-foot (36' x 81') corner lot. An existing three-story two-family dwelling (4300 17th Street) is located on the remaining 1,458 square feet of the original lot and the project proposes to add an Accessory Dwelling Unit at the ground floor. The project is within a RH-2 (Residential House, Two-Family) Zoning District, Corona Heights Large Residence SUD (Special Use District) (PC Section 249.77), and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular hearing on September 2, 2021)
- 17b. [2019-013808VAR](#) (J. HORN: (628) 652-7366)
4300 17TH STREET – northwest corner of Ord Street; Lot 014A in Assessor's Block 2626 (District 8) – Request for **Variance** from the Planning Code Sections 121 (lot size) and 134 (rear yard). The subject property is located within a RH-2 (Residential – House, Two Family) Zoning District, Corona Heights Large Residence SUD (Special Use District) and 40-X Height and Bulk District.
(Continued from Regular hearing on September 2, 2021)

18. [2021-006288CUA](#) (L. AJELLO: (628) 652-7353)
211 AUSTIN STREET – southwest corner of Van Ness Avenue; Lot 004 in Assessor's Block 0666 (District 2) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 303, 303.1, 703.4, and 209.3 to establish a Formula Retail use (d.b.a. Arthur Murray Dance Studio). The project is located within a RC-4 (Residential Commercial, High Density) Zoning District, Van Ness SUD (Special Use District), Van Ness Automotive SUD (Special Use District) and Van Ness Corridor Planning Area, and 130-V Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
19. [2021-001579CUA](#) (C. CAMPBELL: (628) 652-7387)
2715 JUDAH STREET – south side between 32nd and 33rd Avenues; Lot 037 in Assessor's Block 1821 (District 15) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 202.1, 303, and 734, to establish a 2,100 square foot Cannabis Retail use within the Judah Street NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular hearing on September 2, 2021)

G. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW CALENDAR

The Commission Discretionary Review Hearing Procedures provide for presentations by staff; followed by the DR requestor team; followed by public comment opposed to the project; followed by the project sponsor team; followed by public comment in support of the project. Please be advised that the DR requestor and project sponsor teams include: the DR requestor and sponsor or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors.

- 20a. [2021-000822DRP](#) (D. WINSLOW: (628) 652-7335)
486 DUNCAN STREET – north side between Noe and Sanchez Streets; Lot 021 in Assessor's Block 6591 (District 8) – Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit 2021.0629.3457 to legalize the re-construction a two-story rear structure and deck which extends partially in the required rear yard of a single-family house within a RH-2 (Residential House, Two-Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Do Not Take Discretionary Review and Approve
- 20b. [2021-000822VAR](#) (D. WINSLOW: (628) 652-7335)
486 DUNCAN STREET – north side between Noe and Sanchez Streets; Lot 021 in Assessor's Block 6591 (District 8) – Request for **Variance** pursuant to Planning Code Section 134 for the legalization of the demolition and reconstruction of exterior stairs and an approximately 10-foot 10 inches by 21 feet 10 inches second-floor portion of an existing three-story, single-family residence within a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The exterior stairs and portion of the building to be legalized will encroach 13 feet 6 inches into the required rear yard.

21. [2021-000308DRP](#) (D. WINSLOW: (628) 652-7335)
642 ALVARADO STREET – north side between Castro and Diamond Streets; Lot 044 in Assessor’s Block 2771 (District 8) – Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit 2021.0111.2473 to construct nine accessory dwelling units in the ground level parking area within the existing building envelope per Ordinance Number 162-16. The project would remove 19 of the existing 35 parking spaces of a 34-unit apartment building within a RM-2 (Residential-Mixed, Moderate Density) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Do Not Take Discretionary Review and Approve

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing Procedures

The Planning Commission holds public hearings regularly, on most Thursdays. The full hearing schedule for the calendar year and the Commission Rules & Regulations may be found online at: www.sfplanning.org.

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For most cases (CU's, PUD's, 309's, etc...) that are considered by the Planning Commission, after being introduced by the Commission Secretary, shall be considered by the Commission in the following order:

1. A thorough description of the issue(s) by the Director or a member of the staff.
2. A presentation of the proposal by the Project Sponsor(s) team (includes sponsor or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors) would be for a period not to exceed 10 minutes, unless a written request for extension not to exceed a total presentation time of 15 minutes is received at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing, through the Commission Secretary, and granted by the President or Chair.
3. A presentation of opposition to the proposal by organized opposition for a period not to exceed 10 minutes (or a period equal to that provided to the project sponsor team) with a minimum of three (3) speakers. The intent of the 10 min block of time provided to organized opposition is to reduce the number of overall speakers who are part of the organized opposition. The requestor should advise the group that the Commission would expect the organized presentation to represent their testimony, if granted. Organized opposition will be recognized only upon written application at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing, through the Commission Secretary, the President or Chair. Such application should identify the organization(s) and speakers.
4. **Public testimony from proponents of the proposal:** An individual may speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
5. **Public testimony from opponents of the proposal:** An individual may speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
6. Director's preliminary recommendation must be prepared in writing.
7. Action by the Commission on the matter before it.
8. In public hearings on Draft Environmental Impact Reports, all speakers will be limited to a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
9. The President (or Acting Chair) 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.
10. Public comment portion of the hearing shall be closed and deliberation amongst the Commissioners shall be opened by the Chair;
11. A motion to approve; approve with conditions; approve with amendments and/or modifications; disapprove; or continue to another hearing date, if seconded, shall be voted on by the Commission.

Every Official Act taken by the Commission must be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Commission, a minimum of four (4) votes. A failed motion results in the disapproval of the requested action, unless a subsequent motion is adopted. Any Procedural Matter, such as a continuance, may be adopted by a majority vote of members present, as long as the members present constitute a quorum (four (4) members of the Commission).

For Discretionary Review cases that are considered by the Planning Commission, after being introduced by the Commission Secretary, shall be considered by the Commission in the following order:

1. A thorough description of the issue by the Director or a member of the staff.
2. A presentation by the DR Requestor(s) team (includes Requestor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors) would be for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes for each requestor.
3. Testimony by members of the public in support of the DR would be up to three (3) minutes each.
4. A presentation by the Project Sponsor(s) team (includes Sponsor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors) would be for a period up to five (5) minutes, but could be extended for a period not to exceed 10 minutes if there are multiple DR requestors.

5. Testimony by members of the public in support of the project would be up to three (3) minutes each.
6. DR requestor(s) or their designees are given two (2) minutes for rebuttal.
7. Project sponsor(s) or their designees are given two (2) minutes for rebuttal.
8. The President (or Acting Chair) 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.

The Commission must Take DR in order to disapprove or modify a building permit application that is before them under Discretionary Review. A failed motion to Take DR results in a Project that is approved as proposed.

Hearing Materials

Advance Submissions: To allow Commissioners the opportunity to review material in advance of a hearing, materials must be received by the Planning Department eight (8) days prior to the scheduled public hearing. All submission packages must be delivered to 49 South Van Ness Ave, 14th Floor, by 5:00 p.m. and should include fifteen (15) hardcopies and a .pdf copy must be provided to the staff planner. Correspondence submitted to the Planning Commission after eight days in advance of a hearing must be received by the Commission Secretary no later than the close of business the day before a hearing for it to become a part of the public record for any public hearing.

Correspondence submitted to the Planning Commission on the same day, must be submitted at the hearing directly to the Planning Commission Secretary. Please provide ten (10) copies for distribution. Correspondence submitted in any other fashion on the same day may not become a part of the public record until the following hearing.

Correspondence sent directly to all members of the Commission, must include a copy to the Commission Secretary (commissions.secretary@sfgov.org) for it to become a part of the public record.

These submittal rules and deadlines shall be strictly enforced and no exceptions shall be made without a vote of the Commission.

Persons unable to attend a hearing may submit written comments regarding a scheduled item to: Planning Commission, 49 South Van Ness Ave, 14th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414. Written comments received by the close of the business day prior to the hearing will be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and made part of the official record.

Appeals

The following is a summary of appeal rights associated with the various actions that may be taken at a Planning Commission hearing.

Case Type	Case Suffix	Appeal Period*	Appeal Body
Office Allocation	OFA (B)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals**
Conditional Use Authorization and Planned Unit Development	CUA (C)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Building Permit Application (Discretionary Review)	DRP/DRM (D)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals
EIR Certification	ENV (E)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Coastal Zone Permit	CTZ (P)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals
Planning Code Amendments by Application	PCA (T)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Variance (Zoning Administrator action)	VAR (V)	10 calendar days	Board of Appeals
Large Project Authorization in Eastern Neighborhoods	LPA (X)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals
Permit Review in C-3 Districts, Downtown Residential Districts	DNX (X)	15-calendar days	Board of Appeals
Zoning Map Change by Application	MAP (Z)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors

* Appeals of Planning Commission decisions on Building Permit Applications (Discretionary Review) must be made within 15 days of the date the building permit is issued/denied by the Department of Building Inspection (not from the date of the Planning Commission hearing). Appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions on Variances must be made within 10 days from the issuance of the decision letter.

**An appeal of a Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Alter/Demolish may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires Board of Supervisors approval or if the project is associated with a Conditional Use Authorization appeal. An appeal of an Office Allocation may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires a Conditional Use Authorization.

For more information regarding the Board of Appeals process, please contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880. For more information regarding the Board of Supervisors process, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184 or board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

An appeal of the approval (or denial) of a **100% Affordable Housing Bonus Program application** may be made to the **Board of Supervisors within 30 calendar days** after the date of action by the Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions of Sections 328(g)(5) and 308.1(b). Appeals must be submitted in person at the Board's office at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244. For further information about appeals to the Board of Supervisors, including current fees, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184.

An appeal of the approval (or denial) of a **building permit application** issued (or denied) pursuant to a 100% Affordable Housing Bonus Program application by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors may be made to the **Board of Appeals within 15 calendar days** after the building permit is issued (or denied) by the Director of the Department of Building Inspection. Appeals must be submitted in person at the Board's office at 1650 Mission Street, 3rd Floor, Room 304. For further information about appeals to the Board of Appeals, including current fees, contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880.

Challenges

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge, in court, (1) the adoption or amendment of a general plan, (2) the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance, (3) the adoption or amendment of any regulation attached to a specific plan, (4) the adoption, amendment or modification of a development agreement, or (5) the approval of a variance, conditional-use authorization, or any permit, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CEQA Appeal Rights under Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code

If the Commission's action on a project constitutes the Approval Action for that project (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13), then the CEQA determination prepared in support of that Approval Action is thereafter subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. This appeal is separate from and in addition to an appeal of an action on a project. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action for a project that has received an exemption or negative declaration pursuant to CEQA. For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. If the Department's Environmental Review Officer has deemed a project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and can be obtained on-line at <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3447>. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

Protest of Fee or Exaction

You may protest any fee or exaction subject to Government Code Section 66000 imposed as a condition of approval in accordance with Government Code Section 66020. The protest must satisfy the requirements of Government Code Section 66020(a) and must be filed within 90 days of the date of the first approval or conditional approval of the development referencing the challenged fee or exaction. For purposes of Government Code Section 66020, the date of imposition of the fee shall be the date of the earliest discretionary approval by the City of the subject development.

The Planning Commission's approval or conditional approval of the development subject to the challenged fee or exaction as expressed in its Motion, Resolution, or Discretionary Review Action or the Zoning Administrator's Variance Decision Letter will serve as Notice that the 90-day protest period under Government Code Section 66020 has begun.

Proposition F

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit sfethics.org.

San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 21.00-2.160] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; and online <http://www.sfgov.org/ethics>.