

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION



Notice of Hearing & Agenda

This Meeting will be held in:
Commission Chambers, Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Thursday, July 27, 2023
12:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Commissioners:

Rachael Tanner, President
Kathrin Moore, Vice-President
Derek Braun, Sue Diamond, Theresa Imperial,
Joel Koppel, Gabriella Ruiz

Commission Secretary:

Jonas P. Ionin

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ROLL CALL:

President: Rachael Tanner
 Vice-President: Kathrin Moore
 Commissioners: Derek Braun, Sue Diamond, Theresa Imperial,
 Joel Koppel, Gabriella Ruiz

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. 2023-005134CRV (J. VIMR: 628-652-7319)
DOWNTOWN/CONSERVATION DISTRICT DESIGN GUIDELINES – Request to **Adopt** Downtown Historic Design Standards related to exterior alterations to locally designated historic properties located within the C-3 Commercial Zoning Districts, and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt
(Proposed for Continuance to October 5, 2023)

2. 2021-010176CUA (J. HORN: (628) 652-7366)
2261 FILLMORE STREET – west side between Sacramento and Clay Streets; Lots 001 and 002 in Assessor's Block 0630 (District 2) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 202.4 and 303 to permit a change of use from a Movie Theater use to Retail Sales and Service use on the subject property within the Upper Fillmore NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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 Joint hearing on June 15, 2023)
(Proposed for Continuance to September 29, 2023)

3. 2020-001105DRP (D. WINSLOW: (628) 652-7335)
7 SAN GABRIEL AVENUE – south side between Capistrano and Santa Rosa Avenues; Lot 032 in Assessor's Block 6794 (District 11) – Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit No. 2021.0518.0543 to construct a three-story horizontal rear addition to a single-family dwelling within a RH-1 (Residential House – One Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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
WITHDRAWN

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.

4. [2022-010633CUA](#) (K. BOTN: (628) 652-7311)
1938 OCEAN AVENUE – north side between Fairfield Way and Keystone Street; Lot 020B in Assessor's Block 3281 (District 7) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Section 303 and 755 to establish a Health Service use on the ground floor of the subject property. The Health Service use will function as a patient optometry space and will occupy the entire ground floor of the subject site and will serve the general public. There will be no expansion of the existing building envelope under this proposal. The project has qualified for review under the Planning Commission's Community Business Priority Processing Program ("CB3P") within the Ocean Avenue NCT (Neighborhood Commercial Transit) Zoning District and 45-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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
5. [2023-002340CUA](#) (E. OROPEZA: (628) 652-7369)
999 VALENCIA STREET – northeast corner of 21st Street; Lot 026 in Assessor's Block 3609 (District 9) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 249.60 and 303, to allow the transfer of a liquor license type 20 to a General Grocery, DBA Valencia Whole Foods within the Mission Alcoholic Beverage SUD (Special Use District), the Valencia Street NCT (Neighborhood Commercial Transit) Zoning District and 55-X Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
6. [2022-001539CUA](#) (C. ALEXANDER: (628) 652-7334)
4200 23RD STREET – northwest corner of Diamond Street; Lot 017 in Assessor's Block 2772 (District 8) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.1, 249.92, and 303 to construct a three-story horizontal and one-story vertical addition at the rear of the existing single-family dwelling that increases the Gross Floor Area to 3,634 square feet at the subject property within a RH-2 (Residential- House, Two-Family) Zoning District, Central Neighborhoods Large Residence SUD (Special Use District) and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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
7. [2022-003304CUA](#) (J. HORN: (628) 652-7366)
326 27TH STREET – north side between Sanchez and Church Streets; Lot 011 in Assessor's Block 6579 (District 8) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning

Code Sections 209.1, 249.92, and 303, to construct a 3,933 gross-square-foot, 31-foot tall, three-story-over-garage, one-family residential building with one vehicle parking space within a RH-2 (Residential-House, Two Family) Zoning District, Central Neighborhoods Large Residence SUD (Special Use District), and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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 May 25, 2023)

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

8. Land Acknowledgement
9. Consideration of Adoption:
 - [Draft Minutes for July 13, 2023](#)
10. 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

11. Director's Announcements
12. 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; when applicable, followed by a presentation of the project sponsor team; followed by public comment. Please be advised that the project sponsor team includes: the sponsor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors.

13. [2021-005878CWP](#) (L. CHEN: (628) 652-7422)
EXPANDING HOUSING CHOICE (HOUSING ELEMENT ZONING PROGRAM) – Informational Presentation on upcoming zoning amendments to implement the Housing Element, in accordance with state requirements. The zoning proposal will increase allowable heights and density to enable additional housing production in state-designated “Housing Opportunity Areas” (previously called “Well-Resourced Neighborhoods” in the 2022 Housing Element). The presentation will share the project scope and timeline, zoning concept maps, recent and upcoming outreach events, key themes from the feedback received, policy considerations, and next steps for the development of the rezoning proposal. The Mayor’s Executive Directive on Housing for All directs the Planning Department to submit a final zoning proposal in January 2024 for consideration by policymakers.
Preliminary recommendation: None – Informational
14. [2015-012490ENX-02](#) (K. AGNIHOTRI: (628) 652-7454)
88 BLUXOME STREET – northeast corner of 5th Street; Lot 037 in Assessor’s Block 3786 (District 6) – Request to modify the approved **Large Project Authorization** under Motion No. 20493, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 249.78, 329, and 830, which was to demolish the 288,570 square foot Bay Club SF tennis building and the construction of three new buildings: a 16-story, 243-foot-tall West component, a 13-story, 202-foot-tall East component, and a seven-story, 85-foot-tall Community Center/Affordable housing component – over a podium with two basement levels. The current proposal removes the 127,557 square-foot private tennis facility that was to be located below-grade. The updated project has a total of 1,097,218 gross square feet (gsf) and will include 775,000 gsf of office, 31,400 gsf of community recreation, 9,074 gsf of PDR, 19,541 gsf of retail, 4,578 gsf of childcare, 178 off-street parking spaces, eight loading spaces, and 360 bicycle spaces (322 Class I, 38 Class II). The Project site is identified as a “key site” in the Central SOMA plan and will provide qualified amenities, including dedication of an air space parcel to the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development, a new Recreation and Community Center (“Gene Friend Aquatic Annex”), and development of a new public park (“Bluxome Linear Park”), measuring approximately 13,157 square feet. Under the Large Project Authorization, the project is requesting exceptions from the following Planning Code (PC) requirements: PC 132.4 [Building Setbacks, Streetwall Articulation and Tower Separation]; PC Section 152.1 and 154; [Off-Street Freight Loading Requirements]; PC 249.78(c)(5) [PDR Space Requirements]; PC 249.78(d)(9) [Wind]; PC 260(b)(1)(L) [Height Limits]; PC 270(h) [Bulk Controls]; PC 270.1 [Horizontal Mass Reduction]; and PC 261.1 [Narrow and Mid-Block Alley Controls].
Preliminary recommendation: Approve with Conditions
- 15a. [2021-001407SHD](#) (G. PANTOJA: (628) 652-7380)
2700 45TH AVENUE (IRISH CULTURAL CENTER) – southeast corner of Wawona Street; Lot 026 in Assessor’s Block 2513 (District 4) – Request for **Adoption of Shadow Findings** pursuant to Planning Code Section 295 that net new shadow from the project would not adversely affect the use of San Francisco Zoo under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission, within a NC-2 (Neighborhood Commercial, Small Scale) Zoning District and 100-A Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adoption of Findings

- 15b. [2021-001407CTZ](#) (G. PANTOJA: (628) 652-7380)
2700 45TH AVENUE (IRISH CULTURAL CENTER) – southeast corner of Wawona Street; Lot 026 in Assessor’s Block 2513 (District 4) – Request for **Coastal Zone Permit** pursuant to Planning Code Section 330 to allow the demolition of an existing two-story, community facility and new construction of a six-story-over-basement, 91-ft tall, mixed-use building (approximately 129,538 square feet (sq. ft.)) operated by the United Irish Cultural Center that contains that contains Public and Private Community Facilities, Restaurant, Bar, Office, Nighttime Entertainment, and Instructional land uses, 54 off-street parking spaces, two car share spaces, 42 Class 1 and 44 Class 2 bicycle parking spaces within the NC-2 (Neighborhood Commercial, Small Scale) Zoning District and 100-A Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve
- 15c. [2021-001407CUA](#) (G. PANTOJA: (628) 652-7380)
2700 45TH AVENUE (IRISH CULTURAL CENTER) – southeast corner of Wawona Street; Lot 026 in Assessor’s Block 2513 (District 4) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 249.96 (pending) and 303 and Board File No. 230505 to allow the demolition of an existing two-story, community facility and new construction of a six-story-over-basement, 91-ft tall, mixed-use building (approximately 129,538 square feet (sq. ft.)) operated by the United Irish Cultural Center that contains Public and Private Community Facilities, Restaurant, Bar, Office, Nighttime Entertainment, and Instructional land uses, 54 off-street parking spaces, two car share spaces, 42 Class 1 and 44 Class 2 bicycle parking spaces within a NC-2 (Neighborhood Commercial, Small Scale) Zoning District and 100-A Height and Bulk District. The Project seeks exceptions from Floor Area Ratio (FAR), Rear Yard, and Bulk requirements under the Conditional Use Authorization. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission’s action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04](#)(h).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
- 15d. [2021-001407PCAMAP](#) (G. PANTOJA: (628) 652-7380)
2700 45TH AVENUE (IRISH CULTURAL CENTER) – southeast corner of Wawona Street; Lot 026 in Assessor’s Block 2513 (District 4) – Request for **Planning Code Text Amendment**, pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, to create the Wawona Street and 45th Avenue Cultural Center Special Use District (SUD) which outlines permitted land uses, Transportation Demand Management requirements, and the process for seeking exceptions from specific Planning Code requirements including floor area ratio, rear yard, and bulk; a **Zoning Map Amendment** to Zoning Map No. SU 13; and, adopt findings under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and make findings of consistency with the General Plan and the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section 101.1. The proposed amendments will be before the Commission so that it may recommend approval, rejection, or approval with modifications to the Board of Supervisors.
Preliminary Recommendation: Recommend Approval to the Board of Supervisors
16. [2021-003953CUA](#) (L. AJELLO: (628) 652-7353)
2340 VALLEJO STREET – north side between Steiner and Fillmore Streets; Lot 013 in Assessor’s Block 0558 (District 2) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.1, 303 and 317, to allow the removal of an unauthorized

dwelling unit at the ground floor of a three-story-over-basement nine-unit residential building. The project includes legalization of one unscreened parking space by adding a garage door. The building would retain the nine existing authorized dwelling units, within a RH-2 (Residential- House, Two Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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

17. [2019-004772CUA](#) (M. GIACOMUCCI: (628) 652-7414)
[3250-70 18TH STREET](#) – northwest corner of Shotwell Street, Lot 085; north side between South Van Ness Avenue and Shotwell Street, Lot 086; in Assessor's Block 3574 (District 9) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization** of a Planned Unit Development pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.1, 303, and 304 to permit a School use in a RH-3 Zoning District (Section 209.1), to modify rear yard requirements (Section 134), and to modify the amount of required bicycle parking (Section 155.2). The proposed project ("Project") would expand the existing La Scuola International School, including construction of a 20,370 square-foot school building on the southeast portion of the property and improvements and expansion to an existing play yard resulting in a total of 12,228 square-feet of recreational open space. The Project Site is located within a RH-3 (Residential- House, Three Family) Zoning District and 55-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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 20, 2023)

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.

18. [2022-009006DRP-02](#) (T. GREENAN: (628) 652-7324)
[615 SANCHEZ STREET](#) – east side between 19th and Cumberland Streets; Lot 057 in Assessor's Block 3600 (District 8) – Request for **Discretionary Review** of Building Permit No. 2022.0908.2052 to construct a 553 sq. ft. third story vertical addition and add 204 sq. ft to an existing ADU of a single-family dwelling within a RH-1 (Residential House – One Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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.

Public Comments: Persons attending a hearing may comment on any scheduled item.

- ❖ When speaking before the Commission in City Hall, Room 400, please note the timer indicating how much time remains. Speakers will hear two alarms. The first soft sound indicates the speaker has 30 seconds remaining. The second louder sound indicates that the speaker's opportunity to address the Commission has ended.

Sound-Producing Devices Prohibited: The ringing of and use of mobile phones and other sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a mobile phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices (67A.1 *Sunshine Ordinance: Prohibiting the use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices at and during public meetings*).

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>.