

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, September 10, 2026
12:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Commissioners:

Amy Campbell, President
Mike Chen, Joel Koppel, Elizabeth Macdonald,
Sean McGarry, Lydia So

Commission Secretary

Jonas P. Ionin

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RAMAYTUSH OHLONE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

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ROLL CALL

President:	Amy Campbell
Vice-President:	Vacant
Commissioners:	Mike Chen, Joel Koppel, Elizabeth Macdonald, Sean McGarry, Lydia So

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.

B. COMMISSION MATTERS

1. 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.

C. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

2. DIRECTOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BOARD OF APPEALS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

D. 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. When the number of speakers exceed the 15-minute limit, General Public Comment may be moved to the end of the Agenda.

The Brown Act forbids a commission from taking action or discussing any item not appearing on the posted agenda, including those items raised at public comment. In response to public comment, the commission is limited to:

- 1) responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- 2) requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- 3) directing staff to place the item on a future agenda. (Government Code Section 54954.2(a))

E. 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.

4. [2026-005705PCA](#) (T. HANNA: (628) 652-3536)
STORY COUNT AND MEZZANINES [BOARD FILE NO. 260709] – **Planning Code Amendment** – An ordinance, sponsored by Supervisor Mahmood, to amend the Planning Code to revise the size threshold for when a mezzanine is considered a separate story from one-third to one-half of the floor area of the story or room in which the mezzanine is located; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section, 101.1; and making findings of public convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval with Modifications

- 5a. [2025-007507DNX](#) (R. SALGADO: (628) 652-7332)
536 MISSION STREET – north side between Anthony and Ecker Streets; Lot 098 in Assessor's Block 3708 (District 6) – Request for **Downtown Project Authorization** with exceptions from Planning Code requirements pursuant to Planning Code Section 309, with exceptions from Code sections 132.1 (Setbacks, Streetwall and Tower Separation); 135 (Residential Open Space); 140 (Dwelling Unit Exposure); 260(B)(1)(N) (Height Limits for Buildings Taller than 550 Feet in Height in the S-2 Bulk District for Allowance of Non-Occupied Architectural, Screening, And Rooftop Elements); and 270 and 272 (Bulk) for a project to demolish the existing buildings on the Project Site and construct one of the following tower variants: 1) a 700-foot-tall, approximately 1.22 million square foot building with retail, office, and laboratory uses; or 2) a 649-foot-tall, approximately 991,000 square foot building with retail, office, and residential uses (up to 385 dwelling units) within a C-3-O(SD) (Downtown-Office (Special Development)) Zoning District and 700-S-2 Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department issued a general plan evaluation pursuant to 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
- 5b. [2025-007507OFA](#) (R. SALGADO: (628) 652-7332)
536 MISSION STREET – north side between Anthony and Ecker Streets; Lot 098 in Assessor's Block 3708 (District 6) – Request for **Office Development Authorization** pursuant to Planning Code Sections 320-325 to establish up to 555,390 square feet of new office use for a project to demolish the existing buildings on the Project Site and construct one of the following tower variants: 1) a 700-foot-tall, approximately 1.22 million square foot building with retail, office, and laboratory uses; or 2) a 649-foot-tall, approximately 991,000 square foot building with retail, office, and residential uses (up to 385 dwelling units) within a C-3-O(SD) (Downtown- Office (Special Development)) Zoning District and 700-S-2 Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department issued a general plan evaluation pursuant to 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
- 5c. [2025-007507SHD](#) (R. SALGADO: (628) 652-7332)
536 MISSION STREET – north side between Anthony and Ecker Streets; Lot 098 in Assessor's Block 3708 (District 6) – Request for adoption of **Shadow Findings** pursuant to Section 295 that net new shadows attributable to the Project would not adversely affect the use of public open space under the jurisdiction of the Recreation and Park Commission for a project to demolish the existing buildings on the Project Site and construct one of the following tower variants: 1) a 700-foot-tall, approximately 1.22 million square foot building with retail, office, and laboratory uses; or 2) a 649-foot-tall, approximately 991,000 square foot building with retail, office, and residential uses (up to 385 dwelling units) within a C-3-O(SD) (Downtown- Office (Special Development)) Zoning District and 700-S-2 Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department issued a general plan evaluation pursuant to 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: Adopt Findings

G. DISCRETIONARY REVIEW CALENDAR

The Commission Discretionary Review Hearing Procedures provide for presentations by staff; followed by the DR requestor team; followed by the project sponsor team; followed by public comment. 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.

6. [2023-008594DRP](#) (T. GREENAN: (628) 652-7324)
288 PACHECO STREET – northeast corner of Marcela Avenue; Lot 032 in Assessor's Block 2857 (District 7) – Request for **Discretionary Review** of Planning Application 2023-008594PRJ to construct a new single-family home on a vacant site at the intersection of Pacheco and Marcela Avenues. Project is located within a RH-1 (Residential -House – One Family) and 40//40-R-4 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 DR and Approve as Modified

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 sfplanning.org.

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

- ❖ When speaking before the Commission, please note the time. 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 minutes 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.

APPEALS

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

Table 1- Case types and number of days in which to appeal.

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 (628) 652-1150. 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.

Assembly Bill 1114 regulates review of post-entitlement phase permits. Post-entitlement phase permits include building permits for housing development projects (construction of one unit or more). Post entitlement phase permits may not be appealed unless the appeal is filed by the applicant.

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 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 online](#). 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. The [San Francisco Ethics Commission](#) has more information about this restriction.

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, by phone (415) 252-3100 or fax (415) 252-3112.