DATE: August 5th, 2015
TO: Mark Knoerr
FROM: Julian J. Bañales, Planning Department
RE: PPA Case No. 2015-005979PPA for 2177 Jerrold Avenue

Please find the attached Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA) for the address listed above. You may contact the staff contact, Jeffrey Speirs, at (415) 575-9106 or jeffrey.speirs@sfgov.org, to answer any questions you may have, or to schedule a follow-up meeting.

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Preliminary Project Assessment

Date: August 5, 2015
Case No.: 2015-005979 PPA
Project Address: 2177 Jerrold Avenue
Block/Lot: 5285A/005
Zoning: PDR-2 (Production, Distribution, and Repair)
Industrial Protection Zone Special Use District
65-J Height & Bulk District
Area Plan: Bayview Hunters Point
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DISCLAIMERS:
This Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA) letter provides feedback to the project sponsor from the Planning Department regarding the proposed project described in the PPA application submitted on May 7, 2015, as summarized below. This PPA letter identifies Planning Department review requirements for the proposed project, including those related to environmental review, approvals, neighborhood notification and public outreach, the Planning Code, project design, and other general issues of concern for the project. Please be advised that the PPA application does not constitute an application for development with the Planning Department. The PPA letter also does not represent a complete review of the proposed project, does not grant a project approval of any kind, and does not in any way supersede any required Planning Department approvals listed below.

The Planning Department may provide additional comments regarding the proposed project once the required applications listed below are submitted. While some approvals are granted by the Planning Department, some are at the discretion of other bodies, such as the Planning Commission or Historic Preservation Commission. Additionally, it is likely that the project will require approvals from other City agencies such as the Department of Building Inspection, Public Works, the Municipal Transportation Agency, Department of Public Health, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and others. The information included herein is based on the PPA application and plans, the Planning Code, General Plan, Planning Department policies, and local/state/federal regulations as of the date of this document, all of which are subject to change.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The proposal is to construct a new 1-story, 29-foot-tall industrial warehouse building with surface parking, on a currently vacant southwestern portion of the lot. The proposed new building would be 12,600 square feet in size, with 8 off-street parking spaces. An additional entrance to the site is proposed on Upton Street.
ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Below is a list of topic areas addressed through the environmental review process. Some of these would require additional study based on the preliminary review of the project as it is proposed in the PPA application.

1. **Historic Resources.** The project site contains one or more structures considered to be a potential historic resource (building constructed 45 or more years ago); therefore, the proposed new construction within the project site is subject to review by the Department's Historic Preservation staff. The Department's Historic Preservation staff will review the proposed project and an Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) report is not required at this time.

2. **Archeological Resources.** The proposed project will require Preliminary Archeological Review (PAR) by a Planning Department archeologist. The PAR will assess the archeological sensitivity of the project site based on in-house source material and will consider the potential for archeological impacts resulting from proposed soils disturbance. Please provide detailed information, including sections, proposed soils-disturbing activities, such as grading, excavation, installation of foundations, soils improvement, and site remediation in the EEA, and submit any available geotechnical/soils or phase II hazardous materials reports prepared for the project to assist in this review.

If the Department archeologist determines that the project has a potential to adversely affect archeological resources, the PAR will identify additional measures needed to address the potential effect. These measures may include preparation of an archeological research design and treatment plan, implementation of one of the Planning Department's three standard archeological mitigation measures (archeological testing, monitoring, or accidental discovery), or other appropriate measures.

To aid this review the Department archeologist may request a Preliminary Archeological Sensitivity Assessment (PASS) by a Department Qualified Archeological Consultant, subject to the review and approval by the Department archeologist. The Department archeologist will provide three names from the Qualified Archeological Consultant list if the PASS is required.

3. **Transportation.** Based on the PPA submittal, a transportation impact study is not anticipated; an official determination will be made subsequent to submittal of the EEA.

4. **Noise.** Based on the General Plan's Background Noise Levels map, the project site is located along a segment of Jerrold Avenue with noise levels below 70 dBA Ldn (a day-night averaged sound level). The project does not place sensitive receptors in close proximity to high ambient sound levels. Therefore, an acoustical analysis is not required for the proposed new development.

Construction noise would be subject to the San Francisco Noise Ordinance (Article 29 of the San Francisco Police Code), which includes restrictions on noise levels of construction equipment and hours of construction. If pile driving is to be used during the construction, measures to reduce construction noise may be required as part of the proposed project. The EEA application should indicate whether pile driving or other particularly noisy construction methods are required.
5. **Air Quality** The proposed project, at 12,600 sf, is below the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's (BAAQMD) construction and operational screening levels for criteria air pollutants. Therefore, an analysis of the project's criteria air pollutant emissions is not likely to be required.

Project-related demolition, excavation, grading, and other construction activities may cause wind-blown dust that could contribute particulate matter into the local atmosphere. To reduce construction dust impacts, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors approved the Construction Dust Control Ordinance (Ordinance 176-08, effective July 30, 2008). The intent of the Ordinance is to reduce the quantity of dust generated during site preparation, demolition, and construction work in order to protect the health of the general public and of on-site workers, minimize public nuisance complaints, and avoid orders to stop work by the Department of Building Inspection (DBI). Pursuant to the Construction Dust Ordinance, the proposed project would be required to prepare a Construction Dust Control Plan for review and approval by the San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) or comply with applicable dust control requirements outlined in the ordinance.

If the project would generate new sources of toxic air contaminants including, but not limited to: diesel generators or boilers, or any other stationary sources, the project would result in toxic air contaminants that may affect both on-site and off-site sensitive receptors. Please provide detailed information related to any proposed stationary sources with the EEA.

6. **Greenhouse Gases.** *The City and County of San Francisco's Strategies to Address Greenhouse Gas Emissions* presents a comprehensive assessment of policies, programs, and ordinances that represents San Francisco's Qualified Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Strategy. Projects that are consistent with San Francisco's Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy would result in less-than-significant impacts from GHG emissions. In order to facilitate a determination of compliance with San Francisco's Qualified GHG Reduction Strategy, the Planning Department has prepared a Greenhouse Gas Analysis Compliance Checklist. The project sponsor is required to submit the completed table regarding project compliance with the identified regulations and provide project-level details in the discussion column. This information will be reviewed by the environmental planner during the environmental review process to determine if the project would comply with San Francisco's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy. Projects that do not comply with an ordinance or regulation may be determined to be inconsistent with the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Strategy.

7. **Geology.** The project site is located within a Seismic Hazard Zone (Liquefaction Hazard Zone likely underlain by artificial fill). Any new construction on the site is therefore subject to a mandatory Interdepartmental Project Review. A geotechnical study prepared by a qualified consultant must be submitted with the EEA. The study should address whether the site is subject to liquefaction, and should provide recommendations for any geotechnical concerns identified in the study. In general, compliance with the building codes would avoid the potential for significant impacts related to structural damage, ground subsidence, liquefaction, landslides, and surface settlement. To assist

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1. BAAQMD, CEQA Air Quality Guidelines, May 2011, Chapter 3.
Planning Department staff in determining whether the project would result in environmental impacts related to geological hazards, it is recommended that you provide a copy of the geotechnical information with boring logs for the proposed project. This study will also help inform the Planning Department Archeologist of the project site's subsurface geological conditions.

8. **Hazardous Materials.** Upon review of the proposed project, it has been determined that the potential exists for soil and/or groundwater contamination on site due to the area's history of industrial use. The project is also to be built on an area of bay fill. Therefore, the project is subject to the requirements of Health Code Article 22A, also known as the Maher Ordinance. The Maher Ordinance, which is administered and overseen by the Department of Public Health (DPH), requires the project sponsor to retain the services of a qualified professional to prepare a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I) that meets the requirements of Health Code Section 22.A.6. The Phase I would determine the potential for site contamination and level of exposure risk associated with the project. Based on that information, soil and/or groundwater sampling and analysis, as well as remediation of any site contamination, may be required. These steps are required to be completed prior to the issuance of any building permit.

DPH requires that projects subject to the Maher Ordinance complete a Maher Application, available at: [https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/ehsForms/FormsChemHz/2015-03_Maher_app.pdf](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/EHSdocs/ehsForms/FormsChemHz/2015-03_Maher_app.pdf). Fees for DPH review and oversight of projects subject to the ordinance would apply. Please refer to DPH's fee schedule, available at: [http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/Fees.asp#haz](http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/Fees.asp#haz). Please provide a copy of the submitted Maher Application and Phase I ESA with the EEA.

9. **Tree Planting and Protection.** The Department of Public Works Code Section 8.02-8.11 requires disclosure and protection of landmark, significant, and street trees located on private and public property. Any such trees must be shown on the site plans with the size of the trunk diameter, tree height, and accurate canopy drip line. Please submit the [Tree Planting and Protection Checklist](#) with the EEA and ensure that trees are appropriately shown on site plans. Also see the comments below under "Street Trees."

10. **Disclosure Report for Developers of Major City Projects.** The San Francisco Ethics Commission S.F. Camp. & Govt. Conduct Code § 3.520 et seq. requires developers to provide the public with information about donations that developers make to nonprofit organizations that may communicate with the City and County regarding major development projects. This report must be completed and filed by the developer of any "major project." A major project is a real estate development project located in the City and County of San Francisco with estimated construction costs exceeding $1,000,000 where either: (1) The Planning Commission or any other local lead agency certifies an EIR for the project; or (2) The project relies on a program EIR and the Planning Department, Planning Commission, or any other local lead agency adopts any final environmental determination under CEQA. A final environmental determination includes: the issuance of a Community Plan Exemption (CPE); certification of a CPE/EIR; adoption of a CPE/Final Mitigated Negative Declaration; or a project approval by the Planning Commission that adopts CEQA Findings. (In instances where more

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4 Information about the Maher Ordinance can be found here: [https://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/HazWaste/hazWasteSiteMitigation.asp](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/HazWaste/hazWasteSiteMitigation.asp)
than one of the preceding determinations occur, the filing requirement shall be triggered by the earliest such determination.) A major project does not include a residential development project with four or fewer dwelling units. The first (or initial) report must be filed within 30 days of the date the Planning Commission (or any other local lead agency) certifies the EIR for that project or, for a major project relying on a program EIR, within 30 days of the date that the Planning Department, Planning Commission, or any other local lead agency adopts a final environmental determination under CEQA. Please submit a Disclosure Report for Developers of Major City Projects to the San Francisco Ethics Commission. This form can be found at the Planning Department or online at http://www.sfethics.org.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT APPROVALS:**

The project requires the following Planning Department approvals. These approvals may be reviewed in conjunction with the required environmental review, but may not be granted until after the required environmental review is completed.

1. **A Building Permit Application** is required for the proposed new construction on the subject property.

**NEIGHBORHOOD NOTIFICATIONS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH:**

Project Sponsors are encouraged, and in some cases required, to conduct public outreach with the surrounding community and neighborhood groups early in the development process. Additionally, many approvals require a public hearing with an associated neighborhood notification. Differing levels of neighborhood notification are mandatory for some or all of the reviews and approvals listed above.

**Notification of a Project Receiving Environmental Review.** Notice may be required to be sent to occupants of the project site and properties adjacent to the project site, as well as to owners and, to the extent feasible, occupants of properties within 300 feet of the project site at the initiation of the environmental review process. Please be prepared to provide mailing addresses on a CD upon request during the environmental review process.

**PRELIMINARY PROJECT COMMENTS:**

The following comments address specific Planning Code and other general issues that may substantially impact the proposed project.

1. **Interdepartmental Project Review.** This review is required for all proposed new construction in seismic hazard zones, in which the subject property falls. An application can be viewed at: [http://www.sf-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=522](http://www.sf-planning.org/Modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=522)

2. **Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan.** The subject property falls within the area covered by the Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan Area Plan in the General Plan. As proposed, the project is generally consistent with the overarching objectives of the Plan. The project sponsor is encouraged to read the full plan, which can be viewed at: [http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/General_Plan/Bayview_Hunters_Point.htm](http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/General_Plan/Bayview_Hunters_Point.htm)
The Industrial building proposed for this location is consistent with the goals and policies established in the Bayview Hunters Point Area Plan.

OBJECTIVE 1
STIMULATE BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING GROWTH WITHIN THE EXISTING GENERAL LAND USE PATTERN BY RESOLVING CONFLICTS BETWEEN ADJACENT INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

POLICY 1.5
Encourage a wider variety of light industrial uses throughout the Bayview by maintaining the newly established Production, Distribution and Repair zoning, by more efficient use of industrial space, and by more attractive building design.

OBJECTIVE 8

POLICY 8.1
Maintain industrial zones for production, distribution, and repair activities in the Northern Gateway, South Basin, Oakinba, and India Basin Industrial Park subdistricts.

3. Street trees. Planning Code Section 138.1 requires one street tree for every 20 feet of frontage for new construction. No new street trees are shown on the plans along Upton Street. If the Department of Public Works makes the determination that Upton Street is too narrow for street trees, please be advised that an in-lieu fee will be required.

4. Streetscape Plan. The project proposes a new building on a lot greater than ½ acre, and as such, requires the submittal of a Streetscape Plan to the Planning Department to ensure that the new streetscape and pedestrian elements are in conformance with the Department's Better Street Plan. This Streetscape Plan shall be submitted to the Planning Department no later than 60 days prior to any Planning Commission action, and shall be considered for approval at the time of other project approval actions. The streetscape plan should show the location, design, and dimensions of all existing and proposed streetscape elements in the public right-of-way directly adjacent to the fronting property, including street trees, sidewalk landscaping, street lighting, site furnishings, utilities, driveways, and curb lines, and the relation of such elements to proposed new construction and site work on the property. Please see the Department’s Better Streets Plan and Section 138.1(c)(2)(ii) for the additional elements that may be required as part of the project's streetscape plan.


5. Screening of Vehicle Use Areas. Section 142 requires off-street parking and "vehicle use areas" adjacent to the public right-of-way to be screened. Please revised future plans to demonstrate the proposed screening will comply with screening requirements.
6. **Parking and Curb Cuts.** Section 155(c) requires every off-street parking or loading space to have adequate means of ingress from and egress to a street or alley. Access to off-street loading spaces shall be from alleys in preference to streets, except where otherwise specified in this code. Adequate reservoir space shall be provided on private property for entrance of vehicles to off-street parking and loading spaces, except with respect to spaces independently accessible directly from the street. Please revise plans to maintain existing on-street parking spaces.

7. **Bicycle Parking.** Planning Code Section 155.5 requires this project to provide at least two (2) Class 1 and two (2) Class 2 bicycle parking spaces. The proposed project contains no bicycle parking.

8. **Use.** Please note that office uses are not allowed as a principal use in the PDR-2 Zoning District. Office uses that are accessory to a principal use would be allowed as long as they are no greater than 1/3 of the area of the principal use. There are a variety of industrial uses, such as trade office, business services, wholesale sales, and light industrial, which are permitted by right in the PDR-2 Zoning District. Please refer to the chart in Planning Code Section 210.3 for a list of permitted and conditional uses. Please provide additional clarification on any proposed office use.

9. **Flood Notification.** The project site is in a block that has the potential to flood during storms. The SFPUC will review the permit application to comment on the proposed application and the potential for flooding during wet weather. Applicants for building permits for either new construction, change of use, or change of occupancy, or for major alterations or enlargements must contact the SFPUC at the beginning of the process to determine whether the project would result in ground-level flooding during storms. Requirements may include provision of measures to ensure positive sewage flow, raised elevation of entryways, and/or special sidewalk construction and the provision of deep gutters. The side sewer connection permits for such projects need to be reviewed and approved by the SFPUC at the beginning of the review process for all permit applications submitted to the Planning Department, DBI, or the Successor Agency to the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. For information required for the review of projects in flood-prone areas, the permit applicant shall refer to Bulletin No. 4: http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/files/publications_reports/DB_04_Flood_Zones.pdf.

10. **Stormwater.** If the project results in a ground surface disturbance of 5,000 sf or greater, it is subject to San Francisco's stormwater management requirements as outlined in the Stormwater Management Ordinance and the corresponding SFPUC Stormwater Design Guidelines (Guidelines). Projects that trigger the stormwater management requirements must prepare a Stormwater Control Plan demonstrating project adherence to the performance measures outlined in the Guidelines including: (a) reduction in total volume and peak flow rate of stormwater for areas in combined sewer systems OR (b) stormwater treatment for areas in separate sewer systems. The SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise, Urban Watershed Management Program is responsible for review and approval of the Stormwater Control Plan. Without SFPUC approval of a Stormwater Control Plan, no site or building permits can be issued. The Guidelines also require a signed maintenance agreement to ensure proper care of the necessary stormwater controls. To view the Stormwater Management Ordinance, the Stormwater Design Guidelines, or download instructions for the Stormwater Control Plan, go to http://sfwater.org/sdg. Applicants may contact stormwaterreview@sfwater.org for assistance.
11. **Recycled Water.** Projects located in San Francisco’s designated recycled water use areas are required to install recycled water systems for irrigation, cooling, and/or toilet and urinal flushing in accordance with the Recycled (or Reclaimed) Water Use Ordinance, adopted as Article 22 of the San Francisco Public Works Code. New construction or major alterations with a total cumulative area of 40,000 square feet or more; any new, modified, or existing irrigated areas of 10,000 square feet or more; and all subdivisions are required to comply. To determine if the proposed project is in a designated recycled water use area, and for more information about the recycled water requirements, please visit sfwater.org/index.aspx?page=687.

12. **Transportation Impact Development Fee.** The project is subject to the Transportation Impact Development Fee as outlined in Planning Code Section 411. The exact fee is determined by the final area of each use subject to the Fee and rate in effect at the time of building permit issuance. Per Section 411.3(d)(1), prior use credit may apply towards the final Fee if within 5 years of previous use.

13. **Bayview Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area Zone 2.** Your project is located within this area and therefore subject to the review of the Bayview Hunters Point Citizen Advisory Committee. The Planning Department will coordinate noticing requirements. For more information, please review this document on our website: http://www.sf-planning.org/ftp/files/publications_reports/BVHP_CAC_Info_Sheet_Ord157-13_08-14-13.pdf

**PRELIMINARY DESIGN COMMENTS:**

The following comments address preliminary design issues that may substantially affect the proposed project:

1. The Planning Department has no design related comments at this time.

**PRELIMINARY PROJECT ASSESSMENT EXPIRATION:**

This Preliminary Project Assessment is valid for a period of **18 months**. An Environmental Evaluation, and Building Permit Application, as listed above, must be submitted no later than **November 7, 2016**. Otherwise, this determination is considered expired and a new Preliminary Project Assessment is required. Such applications and plans must be generally consistent with those found in this Preliminary Project Assessment.

Enclosure: Neighborhood Group Mailing List
Interdepartmental Project Review Application
Flood Notification: Planning Bulletin
SFPUC Recycled Water Information Sheet

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