



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Project: General Plan Amendment- Updating the Community Safety Element of the San Francisco General Plan

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WHEREAS, Section 4.105 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco mandates that the Planning Department shall periodically recommend to the Board of Supervisors for approval or rejection proposed amendments to the General Plan.

San Francisco has not updated the Community Safety Element since 1997. The 2012 update establishes policies and programs to protect San Francisco from risks associated with natural and manmade disasters. In San Francisco, this a particularly critical element of the General Plan because of the great risks posed by seismic hazards and large earthquakes.

The San Francisco Planning Department, in partnership with the City Administrator's Office and the Department of Emergency Management, and in coordination with other City agencies, developed an update to the Community Safety Element of the General Plan. The 2012 update incorporates new information about hazards faced by the City, incorporates information on current programs dealing with disaster preparedness, response and recovery, and expands its focus to better address the City's objectives of mitigation, preparation, response, and recovery.

Planning Code Section 101.1(b) establishes eight priority policies and is the basis by which differences between competing policies in the General Plan are resolved. The project is consistent with the eight priority policies, in that:

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

The proposed update would not negatively impact neighborhood serving retail uses or future opportunities for employment. Its policies towards economic recovery would aid in the preservation of these uses after a disaster.

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

The proposed change would not have a negative impact housing and neighborhood character. Its proposed policies to reduce structural hazards would help conserve and protect housing from disaster-related impacts.

3. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced.

The proposed change would not impact affordable housing.

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

The proposed change would not impede MUNI transit services, overburden streets, or neighborhood parking.

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

The proposed change would not adversely affect the industrial or service sectors.

6. That the City achieves the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

The proposed change supports preparedness at all levels, and would significantly increase the City's ability to prevent injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

7. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

The proposed change would not have an impact on landmarks or historic buildings. Proposed policies would protect historic resources in the aftermath of a disaster and increase their ability to survive future earthquakes.

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

The proposed change would not have an effect on parks and open spaces.

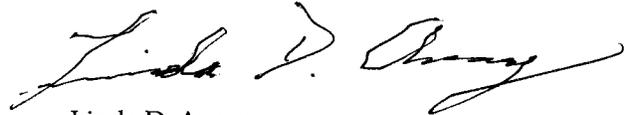
Analysis of applicable General Plan Objectives and Policies has determined that the proposed action is, on balance, consistent with the General Plan.

Whereas, for the reasons set forth in the staff memo to the Planning Commission and presented at the hearing, the Planning Commission finds that this General Plan Amendment and related actions will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 340, the Planning Commission adopts a Resolution of Intention to initiate the Amendment to the General Plan of the City and County of San Francisco.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to Planning Code Section 306.3, the Planning Commission authorizes the Department to provide appropriate notice for a public hearing to consider the above referenced General Plan amendment, as though fully set forth herein, to be considered at a publicly noticed hearing on or after June 7, 2012

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission on May 17, 2012



Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Antonini, Borden, Fong, Miguel, Sugaya, Wu

NOES:

ABSENT: Moore

ADOPTED: May 17, 2012