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## Planning Commission Motion No. 19025

HEARING DATE: NOVEMBER 21, 2013

*Date:* November 14, 2013  
*Case No.:* 2013.1460Q  
*Project Address:* 624A-624E Natoma Street  
*Zoning:* RED (Residential Enclave District)  
Western SoMa Special Use District  
40-X Height and Bulk District  
*Block/Lot:* 3727/047  
*Project Sponsor:* Cam Perridge  
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San Francisco, CA 94111  
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**ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATING TO THE REVIEW FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN TO ALLOW A CONDOMINIUM CONVERSION SUBDIVISION OF A THREE-STORY, FIVE-UNIT BUILDING INTO RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUMS WITHIN THE RED (RESIDENTIAL ENCLAVE DISTRICT) ZONING DISTRICT, THE WESTERN SOMA SPECIAL USE DISTRICT AND A 40-X HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.**

### PREAMBLE

On August 29, 2013, Cam Perridge (hereinafter "Project Sponsor") filed an application with the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping for Planning Department review to allow the Condominium Conversion Subdivision of a three-story, five-unit building into residential condominiums within the RED (Residential Enclave District) Zoning District, the Western SoMa Special Use District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District. The subject building is considered a legal use as the Report of Residential Building Record indicates that the legal authorized occupancy and use is a five-unit dwelling.

On November 21, 2013, the San Francisco Planning Commission (hereinafter "Commission") conducted a duly noticed public hearing at a regularly scheduled meeting on Condominium Conversion Subdivision Application No. 2013.1460Q.

Section 1396, Article 9 of the Subdivision Code of the City and County of San Francisco sets forth the following rules and regulations for condominium conversions:

- A. Units may be converted to condominiums so long as they meet the requirements of the Expedited Conversion Program per the Subdivision Code. An exception is provided for two-unit buildings where both units are owner-occupied for one year.
- B. The following categories of buildings may be converted to condominiums:
  - i. Buildings consisting of four units or less in which at least one of the units has been occupied continuously by one of the owners of record for five years prior to the date of application for conversion.
  - ii. Buildings consisting of six units or less in which at least three of the units have been occupied continuously by three of the owners of record for five years prior to the date of application for conversion.

The Subdivision Code requires that the Planning Commission hold a public hearing to review condominium conversion subdivisions containing five to six units for consistency with the General Plan where at least one unit is residential. The Code calls for a sales program which promotes affirmative action in housing, a non-transferable tenant right of first-refusal to purchase the unit occupied by the tenant and various relocation requirements, including the right to a \$1,000 relocation payment.

The Subdivision Code further provides for a lifetime lease for all tenants aged 62 years or older and/or are permanently disabled, and requires that no less than 40 percent of the tenants either have signed Intent to Purchase forms or be in a position of accepting such a lifetime lease. The Code prohibits any increase in rents while the conversion application is pending before the City.

The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") as a Class 1 categorical exemption.

The Commission has heard and considered the testimony presented to it at the public hearing and has further considered written materials and oral testimony presented on behalf of the applicant, Department staff and other interested parties.

**MOVED**, that the Commission hereby approves the Condominium Conversion Subdivision requested in Application No. 2013.1460Q based on the following findings:

## **FINDINGS**

Having reviewed the materials identified in the preamble above, and having heard all testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are accurate and constitute findings of this Commission.

2. The applicant requests Planning Department review of a Condominium Conversion Subdivision Application to allow for the conversion of the multi-unit building.
3. As required by Section 1396 of the San Francisco Subdivision Code, at least three of the units have been owner occupied continuously by one or more of the owners of record for five years prior to the date of application for conversion.
4. Tenants in the subject building were notified of their right-of-first refusal to purchase the unit they occupy, as required by the Subdivision Code, and of other rights to which they are entitled under provisions of the same Code.
5. A search of the Rent Board database did not show any tenant petitions or eviction notices filed with the Rent Board in the last 5 years.
6. On balance, the Project is consistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan, as follows:

## **2009 HOUSING ELEMENT**

### **Objectives and Policies**

#### **OBJECTIVE 3:**

PROTECT THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK, ESPECIALLY RENTAL UNITS.

#### **Policy 3.1:**

Preserve rental units, especially rent controlled units, to meet the City's affordable housing needs.

*This application was submitted through the Expedited Conversion Program, which sets owner-occupancy requirements for condominium conversions. Conversion of the subject property would allow for home ownership opportunities for San Francisco residents.*

7. **Planning Code Section 101.1(b)** establishes eight priority-planning policies and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the project does comply with said policies in that:
  - A. That existing neighborhood-serving retail uses be preserved and enhanced and future opportunities for resident employment in and ownership of such businesses be enhanced.

*The proposal would have no adverse effect upon existing neighborhood-serving retail uses as it is a change in form of residential tenure.*
  - B. That existing housing and neighborhood character be conserved and protected in order to preserve the cultural and economic diversity of our neighborhoods.

*The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not alter the existing housing and neighborhood character of the vicinity.*

- C. That the City's supply of affordable housing be preserved and enhanced,

*No housing would be removed for this project.*

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

*The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not affect public transit or neighborhood parking.*

- E. 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 proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not involve the industrial or service sectors of the City.*

- F. That the City achieve the greatest possible preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake.

*The proposal is subject to inspection by the Department of Building Inspection and will be required to make any code required repairs, including those related to life safety issues, prior to the recordation of the final condominium subdivision map.*

- G. That landmarks and historic buildings be preserved.

*The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not affect landmarks or historic buildings.*

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

*The proposal is a change in form of residential tenure and would not affect public parks or open space.*

8. The Project is consistent with and would promote the general and specific purposes of the Code provided under Section 101.1(b) in that, as designed, the Project would contribute to the character and stability of the neighborhood and would constitute a beneficial development.
9. The Commission hereby finds that approval of the Condominium Conversion Subdivision would promote the health, safety and welfare of the City.

**DECISION**

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, Department staff and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **APPROVES Condominium Conversion Subdivision Application No. 2013.1460Q.**

I hereby certify that the Planning Commission **ADOPTED** the foregoing Motion on November 21, 2013.

Jonas Ionin  
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Wu, Fong, Antonini, Borden, Hillis, and Moore

NAYS:

ABSENT: Commissioner Sugaya

ADOPTED: November 21, 2013





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### TENTATIVE MAP DECISION

2013.1400Q

Date: August 29, 2013

Department of City Planning  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

<b>Project ID:</b> 7784			
<b>Project Type:</b> 5 Unit Condominium Conversion			
<b>Address#</b>	<b>StreetName</b>	<b>Block</b>	<b>Lot</b>
624	NATOMA ST	3727	047
<b>Tentative Map Referral</b>			

Attention: Mr. Scott F. Sanchez

The subject Tentative Map has been reviewed by the Planning Department and does comply with applicable provisions of the Planning Code. On balance, the Tentative Map is consistent with the General Plan and the Priority Policies of Planning Code Section 101.1 based on the attached findings. The subject referral is exempt from environmental review per Class 1 California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

The subject Tentative Map has been reviewed by the Planning Department and does comply with applicable provisions of the Planning Code subject to the following conditions (Any requested documents should be sent in with a copy of this letter to Scott F. Sanchez at the above address):

The subject Tentative Map has been reviewed by the Planning Department and does not comply with applicable provisions of the Planning Code. Due to the following reasons (Any requested documents should be sent in with a copy of this letter to Scott F. Sanchez at the above address):

**Enclosures:**

- Application
- Print of Tentative Map

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Storrs, P.L.S.  
City and County Surveyor

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

DATE 11/22/13

Mr. Scott F. Sanchez, Zoning Administrator

