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Dear Ms. Jones,

On June 4, 2014, the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) held a public hearing and took public comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 1527-1545 Pine Street Project (2008.1396E). After discussion, the HPC arrived at the questions and comments below:

- The HPC expressed concern about the potential impact to the character of Van Ness Auto Row.
   Staff explained that the corridor was not identified as a historic district during the historic resource review, and that, therefore, no adverse impacts were identified related to a historic district.
- The HPC questioned whether or not there are significant adverse impacts identified for any
  historic districts in the area, and staff explained that there are not. The only identified district in
  the area is located on the 1600 block of Pine Street, which will not be affected by the proposed
  project.
- The HPC requested that the Alternatives be rendered to better illustrate the alternative designs. The Commission would like to see renderings comparable to those provided in the Alternatives section of the 1634-1690 Pine Street EIR that was recently published.
- One Commissioner questioned why exceptions may be approved for the project related to wind comfort level. The HPC determined that interested Commissioners could attend the Planning Commission hearing to request more information on this topic.

The HPC appreciates the opportunity to participate in review of this environmental document.

Sincerely,

Karl Hasz, President Historic Preservation Commission