

Embarcadero Resolution

Whereas, in 2009 the Board of Supervisors found there is substantial evidence that the existing building at 110 The Embarcadero, which also fronts 113–115 Steuart Street, is an historical resource; and

Whereas, the Board also found the building, which served as the International Longshoremen's Association Local 38–79 Hall during the 1934 waterfront strike retains integrity associated with important historic events...; and

Whereas, the Board also found the building remains in its original location, the historic Audiffred Building remains next door and of the buildings in the vicinity visible from a 1934 photograph still stand, resulting in a blockface that retains integrity; and

Whereas, San Francisco voters have made it clear in recent elections that they demand superior planning practices on the waterfront; and

Whereas, the Commonwealth Club has purchased the building and plans to replace its Embarcadero facade with a modern glass curtain wall; and

Whereas, no other buildings on the block or in the vicinity have glass curtain walls; and

Whereas, the Club plans to remove four significant trees on Steuart Street; and

Whereas, Proposition M (1986) Planning Code 101.1 calls the protection of neighborhood character a priority; and

Whereas, Prop M also calls for the preservation of landmark and historic buildings; and

Whereas, CSFN believes the original Embarcadero facade should be preserved as much as possible; and

Whereas, CSFN believes urban trees should be appreciated and protected; therefore be it

Resolved that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods strongly urges the Commonwealth Club and Planning Department to maintain the dignified facade at 110 The Embarcadero; one that honors San Francisco's vibrant labor history; and be it further

Resolved that the CSFN urges the Commonwealth Club and Planning Department to preserve and maintain the four trees on Steuart Street.

Resolution on Planning Code Article 2 Simplification Legislation

Whereas, the Planning Department of the City and County of San Francisco seeks to modify, delete and add text to legislation affecting Planning Code Articles 1, 2, 7 and 8; and

Whereas, the Planning Department only states in the Project Name that only Article 2 is being simplified when Articles 1, 7 & 8 are also being affected; and

Whereas, changes in this Article 2 simplification document are not clear in terms of what **all** existing text is to remain and what **all** is to be added or moved to potentially other new or re-used section numbers in the Planning Code with the original text of each section of Planning Code affected being provided within it; and

Whereas, there are strict requirements for height, bulk, rear yard open space, etc. that have specific nuances in existing code for particular zoning use districts, but in the proposed document they appear to be generalized for citywide application; and

Whereas, there is a proposed section, Planning Code Section 206, which says only that it is RESERVED; it is not defined as yet; and

Whereas, the many questions and clarifications asked by the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods are yet to be answered; therefore be it

***Resolved*, that the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods urges the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors to not adopt this proposed Article 2 simplification legislation in its current form.**