



November 22, 2024

Dear President Peskin and Supervisors:

Re: File No. 240901 - Impact Fees for Changes of Use from PDR to Other Non-Residential Uses

Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods (CSFN) and East Mission Improvement Association (EMIA) agree with the Potrero Boosters and Dogpatch Neighborhood Association about exempting PDR conversions from impact fees. We oppose this ordinance.

Our eastern neighborhoods are among the ones most impacted from the growth in biotech and AI and whatever shiny new idea someone comes up with. Instead of maintaining the cultural, arts and entertainment centers City Hall already built downtown and in SOMA, they want to build shiny new ones to compete with the ones they already built. No wonder nothing ever succeeds in San Francisco. We are too busy trying to compete with Las Vegas to protect what we have.

Districts 9 and 10 are already inundated with AI companies that replaced the tech we lost. They do not need our largess. Most are spinoffs of wealthy multi-national corporations. They are want to avoid the crime and congestion that is rampant downtown. They are moving into empty office and PDR spaces come with some parking and require very minor adjustments. AI requires a huge amount of power and they should pay all the fees for all the impacts they have on our communities.

The proposed legislation would simultaneously incentivize the growth of non-traditional PDR uses while slashing the impact fees that support the needs of our neighborhoods.

We urge you to oppose this legislation, and ask that the City move forward with comprehensive policies that promote economic growth, protect working class jobs, and provide our neighborhoods with the infrastructure promised to us long ago under the Eastern Neighborhoods Plan.

Sincerely,

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