

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: The attachment is from the San Francisco Planning Commission (Resolution 14952) interpreting the categorical CEQA Exemptions. Please note that they state that exemptions shall not be used "for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource." As you know the subject block of Normandie is designated historical and the existing building are also designated historical. The proposed construction would create a substantial adverse change in the the significance of a historical resource (i.e., the 700 block of Normandie) and, as a result, the proposed project should not receive a categorical CEQA exemption.

Finally, exemptions shall not be applied in the following circumstances: (1) A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project which may result in damage to scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. (This does not apply to improvements which are required as mitigation by an adopted negative declaration or certified EIR.) (2) A categorical exemption shall not be used for a project located on a site which is included on any list of hazardous waste sites compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. (3) A categorical exemption shall also not be used for a project which may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource.

Source San Francisco Planning Commission
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