[Motion adopting findings related to the categorical exemption issued for 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue.]

Motion adopting findings related to the determination by the Planning Department that the 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue project is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Environmental Review Office of the San Francisco Planning Department determined that a proposal to renovate the interior, alter the façade and construct vertical and horizontal extensions to an existing two-family residence at 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue ("Project") was categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act on August 24, 2005 (the "determination"). A copy of said document is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 051755, and is incorporated by reference herein.

By letter to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors dated October 13, Stephen Williams, on behalf of neighbors ("Appellants"), filed an appeal of the determination to the Board of Supervisors, which the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors received on or around October 13, 2005.

On January 10, 2006, this Board held a duly noticed public hearing to consider the appeal of the determination. Following the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board rendered a decision on the use of the exemption/exclusion for the project based on the written record before the Board in File No. 051755 which is hereby declared to be a part of this motion as if set forth fully herein, as well as all of the testimony at the public hearing in support of and opposed to the appeal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT MOVED, That this Board of Supervisors has considered the written material and oral testimony presented by Appellants, the Planning Department and the

public and finds questions remain about whether the Project will have a significant impact on an historic resource.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that the evidence presented supports a determination that the property adjacent to the Project at 729 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the five adjacent residential buildings at the corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Balboa Avenue, and three adjacent buildings on Balboa Avenue, were constructed in 1916 from plans by architect Edward E. Young, who is presumed to be a master architect, that nearly all of these structures retain integrity and have a design and scale that creates a cohesive block face, and, therefore, are eligible to compose an historic district for the purpose of CEQA by California Register Criteria 3.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that there is substantial evidence that the Project site and an adjacent structure, at 733 and 739 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which are adjacent to the series of Edward E. Young buildings, were commissioned by Grocer Harry Wissman and constructed by the Meyers Brothers, who constructed a number of buildings in San Francisco including Washington High School.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that in light of the association of Meyers Brothers and Harry Wissman with the 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue structure, there is a reasonable possibility that further research will find that there is an important association between the two Meyers Brothers residences and Grocer Harry Wissman and/or that the two residences are significant examples of the Meyers Brothers work, and, therefore, that the 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue structure contributes to an historic district that includes the Edward E. Young residences, as buildings all constructed or designed by noted architects or builders, of a similar building type, constructed around the same time and having a compatible scale and texture.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that most of the other buildings on the block in the immediate vicinity of the Project site, although requiring further research regarding associated builders and designers, compared to other like neighborhoods near the Project site, enjoy a high degree of architectural integrity, were constructed around the same time and have a compatible scale and texture to the Edward E. Young structures, and, therefore, have a higher likelihood, compared to nearby neighborhoods, of being found eligible for inclusion in the California Register.

FURTHER MOVED, that the Board of Supervisors directs the Planning Department, in light of the findings set forth above and the whole record, to resolve the remaining questions about whether the 733 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue building is an historic resource, and thereafter, to undertake such additional environmental review as is required and appropriate under the California Environmental Quality Act.



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## Motion

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January 24, 2006

Motion adopting findings related to the determination by the Planning Department that the 733 27th Avenue project is categorically exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act.

January 13, 2006 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Board of Supervisors

January 24, 2006 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick,

Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

File No. 060059

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED on January 24, 2006 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Clerk of the Board