

December 11, 2014

San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: **Public Sites Framework**

Dear Commission President Wu, Commission Vice President Fong, and
Commissioners Antonini, Hillis, Johnson, Moore and Richards:

SPUR thanks the Planning Commission for the opportunity to comment on the public
sites framework being presented today.

As an advocate for good city planning and good government, SPUR appreciates the
city setting up this framework and coordinating a cross-departmental strategy for
looking at underutilized public sites. In general, we like to see unutilized and under-
utilized properties being put to good use, whatever the specific use may be. In
particular, we:

- Strongly support the production of more housing at **all** levels to help address
the current affordability crisis.
- Encourage the team to work closely with the SFPUC and SFE to pilot
innovative environmental building and design. Building familiarity with green
building strategies by aiming high on new public buildings is how we build the
market for those ideas and ultimately get them into the building code in a
smart way.
- Support maximizing density at the Central SOMA site given its location
immediately atop a transit station.
- Encourage the city to share data about the other public sites identified as a part
of this effort, when available. We believe there's a benefit in having
information available about public land of all types. For example,
as highlighted in the *Makers & Movers Economic Cluster Strategy* recently
published by the Planning Department and OEWD, publicly-owned sites that
are zoned for industrial uses could help support the creation of affordable food
industry facilities. The first step in exploring that concept is knowing which
industrial sites are publicly owned. In general, data gathered as part of this
public sites framework effort could be helpful for future projects of all kinds.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We look forward to tracking the details of this process as it develops and ultimately seeing the better use of underutilized sites controlled by the city. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 415-644-4884.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'KW' followed by a stylized flourish.

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Cc: SPUR Board of Directors