

# **BOARD OF APPEALS**

## **CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

### **AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025**

#### **5:00 P.M. CITY HALL, ROOM 416, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE**

**THE PUBLIC MAY JOIN THE MEETING IN-PERSON, BY COMPUTER (ZOOM) OR  
TELEPHONE [ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS CAN BE FOUND AFTER THE AGENDA ITEMS]:**

**Access by Computer:**

<https://zoom.us/j/98405967182>

**Access by Telephone:**

**Call: 1-669-900-9128**

**Webinar ID: 984 0596 7182**

#### **(1) PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Board will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting with one exception. When the agenda item has already been reviewed in a public hearing at which members of the public were allowed to testify and the Board has closed the public hearing, your opportunity to address the Board must be exercised during the Public Comment portion of the calendar. Each member of the public may address the Board for up to three minutes. At the discretion of the Board President, public comment and remote public participation may be limited to two minutes per person. If it is demonstrated that public comment and remote public participation will cumulatively exceed 15 minutes, the President may continue Public Comment and/or remote public participation to another time during the meeting.

#### **(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

#### **(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Discussion and possible adoption of the September 24, 2025 minutes.

#### **(4) REHEARING REQUEST FOR APPEAL NO. 25-029**

**Subject property at 1077 Fell Street.** Soumya Sastry, Appellant, is requesting a rehearing of Appeal No. 25-029, SOUMYA SASTRY vs. DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION decided September 3, 2025. At that time, upon motion by Vice President Lopez, the Board voted 4-0 to deny the appeal and uphold the permit on the basis it was properly issued. **Permit Holder:** Steven Huang. **Permit Description:** Revisions for approved permit application 2024/0517/2393; structural work-approved plan set inaccurately showed the rear wall dimensions; new architectural/structural plans show correct dimensions; minor structural revision. **Permit No.:** 2025/0626/9586.

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### **(5) APPEAL NO. 25-028**

<p>PACIFIC TOWNHOUSE ASSOCIATION, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>2518 Buchanan Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on July 10, 2025, to Hestia Trust 2001, of an Alteration Permit (To comply with NOV No. 202538518 repair in kind existing fence and existing roof deck). PERMIT NO. 2025/0710/0533. FOR HEARING TODAY. <b>Note: On September 3, 2025, upon motion by President Trasviña, the Board voted 4-0 to continue this Item to October 8, 2025 at the request of the parties.</b></p>
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### **(6) APPEAL NO. 25-007**

<p>TENDERLOIN TREE CAMPAIGN, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p>	<p>50 United Nations Plaza. Appealing the ISSUANCE on January 28, 2025, to Tenderloin Tree Campaign, of a Public Works Order (Public Works was asked to evaluate the condition of the trees at United Nations Plaza by the Recreation and Park Department which manages some surrounding areas. Public Works maintains the trees in the public right-of-way and staff determined that three trees are in poor health and a hazard. The recommendation is to remove three street trees and replace them with fourteen, 24" box size trees). ORDER NO. 211379. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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### **(7) APPEAL NO. 25-033**

<p>JESSICA MYRA and MEHMET OZBEK, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>589-591 Connecticut Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on August 15, 2025, to Eric Hole, of an Alteration Permit (remodel existing two-unit building, including a horizontal addition at the rear, conversion of the existing unconditioned basement to habitable space, expansion of a portion of the first floor to accommodate a new entry for the lower unit, and upgrade of all building systems). PERMIT NO. 2023/10/23/9219. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**(8) APPEAL NO. 25-032**

GABE POLK and LEAH SCHRAGA, Appellant(s)  vs.  DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL	466 Elizabeth Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on August 25, 2025, to Elizabeth Home LLC, of an Alteration Permit (add new roof deck to existing Permit Application No. 2019-0603-2332; new stair to roof, new railings (glass); new decking; roof deck area is proposed 496 square feet). PERMIT NO. 2025/04/24/5190. FOR HEARING TODAY.
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**(9) SPECIAL ITEM**

Discussion and Possible Action: The Commission Streamlining Taskforce solicited feedback from the Board of Appeals about operational improvements that the Board of Appeals and other commissions might benefit from. This will be an opportunity to discuss what works well and to identify opportunities for improvement. Feedback will inform potential recommendations for the Commission Streamlining Task Force to consider at later meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

**Note:** The materials for each item on this agenda may include some or all of the following documents: Preliminary Statement of Appeal; Departmental determination being appealed; briefs submitted by Appellants, Permit Holders, Respondent Departments or Other Parties; submittals by members of the public; and correspondence. These items, and any materials related to an item on this agenda that are distributed to the Board members at the hearing, are available for public inspection at the Board's website <https://sf.gov/departments/board-appeals> and upon request by emailing the Board Office [boardofappeals@sfgov.org](mailto:boardofappeals@sfgov.org). Please call 628-652-1150 if you have any questions concerning this agenda.

Date posted: **October 3, 2025**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

<b>JOHN TRASVIÑA</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>
<b>JOSE LOPEZ</b>	<b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>
<b>RICK SWIG</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>
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<b>(VACANT)</b>	<b>COMMISSIONER</b>

Members of the Board will attend the meeting in-person, and members of the public are invited to attend in-person, by computer, or by telephone as described above. To ensure full public participation in the Board's adjudicatory hearings, the Board will not impose a time limit on the total amount of remote public participation for any agenda items at this meeting. Each member of the public participating remotely will be subject to the three-minute, or if applicable two-minute, time limit noted above.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS VIA TELEPHONE OR ZOOM**

By Telephone: Call the phone number and enter the webinar ID listed at the top of the agenda. When you are ready to speak, please dial \*9 and this will show a raised hand. Staff will allow you to speak when it is your turn. You may have to dial \*6 to unmute yourself.

By Zoom: After you join the Zoom meeting, go to the bottom of the screen and click the tab that says "Reactions". You can then click on the option that says, "Raise Hand". When you are done speaking, you can select "Lower Hand" from the "Reactions" tab.

**PROCEDURE AT HEARINGS**

Except when the Presiding Officer finds good cause to order the presentations otherwise, the order of presentation of an appeal shall be as follows: (a) the appellant shall speak first and shall be allowed seven minutes to present relevant testimony and evidence. Then the permit holder, representatives of the department, board, commission or person from whose order the appeal is taken, and/or other parties, shall be allowed seven minutes for presentation of relevant testimony and evidence. Three minutes for rebuttal shall be provided to all parties in this same order; (b) the Board may request a departmental response at its own discretion. For rehearing requests and jurisdiction requests, each party shall be allowed three minutes to present testimony and evidence, with no rebuttal.

Other persons desiring to speak before the Board on an appeal may speak once for up to three minutes, unless the presiding officer further limits time uniformly.

Those members of the public who intend to testify about a particular appeal and wish to have the Board give their testimony evidentiary weight for purposes of deciding the appeal are asked to take an oath. Please note that any member of the public may speak without being sworn-in pursuant to their rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code).

**SPECIAL NOTES**

If a meeting's duration extends beyond 9:30 p.m. or for good cause, the Presiding Officer may, in their discretion, recess the meeting and continue any remaining matter(s) to a future date.

It is possible that the Board may experience technical challenges that interfere with the ability of members of the public to participate in the meeting remotely. If that happens, the Board will attempt to correct the problem but may continue with the hearing as long as the parties to an appeal are able to participate in the meeting, and members of the public attending in-person, as well as anyone who received a disability accommodation to offer remote public comment, are able to observe and offer public comment.

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If the Board continues a matter to a specific date that is announced to the parties in the hearing room, no additional mailed notice will be sent. Please call the Board office at (628) 652-1150 for scheduling or other information during regular business hours or visit our website at [www.sfgov.org/boa](http://www.sfgov.org/boa).

The complete Rules of the Board are available for review on our website.

Material submitted by the public for Board review prior to a scheduled hearing before the Board, should be addressed to the Board President, and be received at [boardofappeals@sfgov.org](mailto:boardofappeals@sfgov.org), no later than 4:30 p.m. one Thursday prior to the scheduled public hearing. Persons unable to attend the scheduled public hearing may submit written comments regarding a calendared item to [boardofappeals@sfgov.org](mailto:boardofappeals@sfgov.org). Comments received before noon on the day of the hearing will be made a part of the official record and will be brought to the attention of the Board at the public hearing. Please note that names and addresses included in these submittals will become part of the public record. Submittals may be made anonymously.

Pursuant to Government Code § 65009, if you challenge, in court, the approval of a variance or development permit, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Appeals at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Calendared items are sometimes withdrawn or rescheduled the day of hearing or are taken out of order to accommodate special needs. The Board urges all parties to be present at the hearing from 5:00 p.m. so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in the relevant public hearing when it is called.

### **PROHIBITION OF SOUND-PRODUCING ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

### **ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION**

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To obtain a disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services to participate in the meeting, please contact the Board office at least 48 hours before the meeting at [boardofappeals@sfgov.org](mailto:boardofappeals@sfgov.org) or (628) 652-1150.

American sign language interpreters, translation services and/or sound enhancement will be available upon request by contacting Board staff at (628) 652-1150 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

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Intérpretes de lenguaje de señas americano, servicio de traducción y/o mejoramiento del sonido estará disponible a petición contactando con personal de la Junta al (628) 652-1150 por lo menos 48 horas antes de la audiencia.

美国手语翻译, 翻译服务和/或声音增强将可在聆讯前48小时通过联系652-1150局人员要求.

Ang mga tagapagsalin sa lenggwaheng pasenyas, mga serbisyong pagsasalin at/o mga gamit upang pabutihin ang pakikinig ay maaaring hilingin sa Board Staff sa (628) 652-1150 sa hindi bababa na 48 oras bago mag hearing.

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE**

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force: by mail to Administrator, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689; by phone at (415) 554-7724; by fax at (415) 554-5163; or by e-mail at [sotf@sfgov.org](mailto:sotf@sfgov.org). Citizens interested in obtaining a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance may request a copy from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Administrator or by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the internet at [www.sfgov.org/sunshine](http://www.sfgov.org/sunshine).

### **LOBBYING ACTIVITY/CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS**

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code § 2.100] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone: (415) 252-3100; email [ethics.commission@sfgov.org](mailto:ethics.commission@sfgov.org); web site [www.sfgov.org/ethics](http://www.sfgov.org/ethics).

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit [sfethics.org](http://sfethics.org).

### **SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY**

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The Board welcomes suggestions from the public regarding improvement of the efficiency of its operations. Please direct your comments and suggestions to Board staff, at [boardofappeals@sfgov.org](mailto:boardofappeals@sfgov.org) or (628) 652-1150. A customer satisfaction survey form is available at the meetings, the Board office, and on the Board's web site, [www.sfgov.org/boa](http://www.sfgov.org/boa).

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