

September 30, 2009

Bill Wycko
San Francisco Planning Department
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

via First-class Mail & Hand-delivered

Subject: Case No. 2007.1275E: SF 2004 and 2009 Housing Element

Dear Mr. Wycko,

Please change the "Tree Disclosure Statement" in the Housing Element document so that, for Category B, Landmark Trees, the third option reads, "Trees on adjacent property" rather than "Trees on adjacent property overhanging the project site." Not all trees overhang and may still be on adjacent property.

One should also add another option which reads, "There is/are landmark tree(s) located within the Block on Lot(s) X and Y, etc. Z feet away." The Urban Forest Department should sign off on it and there should be a place for the signature of the landmarked tree owner's arborist

Some landmarked trees do not fall into any of the categories you show on this "Tree Disclosure Statement" and therefore will be overlooked and projects may be approved that may potentially damage such trees.

I also feel that the Planning Department should not be the sole City department to make the decisions on trees. It is important to let the Department of the Environment, Urban Forest Council, Landmark Tree Committee, to weigh in on this part of the Housing Element revisions.

I communicated to you earlier on September 4, 2009 about this as well. The link to the "Tree Disclosure Document" is :

http://www.sfgov.org/site/uploadedfiles/planning/projects_reports/treediscl.pdf

Please accept this as official written comment for the Housing Element Meeting to be held September 30, 2009, 6:30PM – 8:00PM, 1650 Mission St., Suite 400, SF, CA 94103, Room 431. Thank you for your time and serious attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jessica Range, Major Environmental Analysis, SF Planning
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