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TO: Historical Advisory Board

FROM: PBT Staff

SUBJECT: Supplemental Memo Regarding CEQA and Environmental Review for PLN25-0664

Dear Historical Advisory Board:

Staff is submitting this supplemental memorandum to provide the Historical Advisory Board and the public with additional information regarding the Environmental Review and CEQA analysis in the staff report for PLN25-0664 (Staff Report).

The Staff Report correctly identifies that the specific action before HAB (removal of protected trees) was evaluated under the 2022 General Plan 2040 EIR, and that this project is being reviewed consistently with that EIR. However, the action is part of the larger Clement/Tilden Improvement Project, and staff believes it would be prudent to more explicitly mention the prior environmental review history for the larger overall project. Specifically, staff would ask that HAB consider the following revision to the Environmental Review section of the Staff Report:

The proposed protected tree removal is being reviewed consistently with the City's 2040 General Plan Environmental Impact Report (GP EIR), and thus no further environmental review is necessary. The GP EIR evaluated the potential impacts of the removal of protected trees to facilitate new development and found that adherence to the Historical Advisory Board review process for protected tree removal would result in less-than-significant impacts by ensuring such removals avoid conflicts with City policies (Impact 9-5), and that additional mitigation was not required. Further, the Clement/Tilden Improvement Project was evaluated by, and this action is thereby covered by, the 2009 Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2007072075) for the Transportation Element.

The Background section of the Staff Report thoroughly describes the project's long planning history, including the inclusion of the larger project within a 2009 Transportation Element Amendment and its associated EIR. This memorandum only highlights information already provided in the Staff Report, and no new information is being provided except the SCH number for the 2009 EIR. A revised resolution has been submitted along with this supplemental memo.

Sincerely,

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