Motion adopting findings related to the appeal of the Planning Commission’s approval of Conditional Use Application No. 2000.1261EC (which authorized, subject to certain conditions, the development of a new four-story, mixed use building, at a maximum height of forty feet, containing approximately 1,800 square feet of commercial office/retail space and eleven off-street parking spaces in the ground floor garage, and ten dwelling units on the remaining three upper floors, on two lots with a total area exceeding 5,000 square feet) in an NC (Neighborhood Commercial Cluster) District and a 40-X Height and Bulk District, on property located at 4501 Irving Street, southwest corner of Irving Street and 46th Avenue (Lots 47 and 49, in Assessor’s Block 1801).

The appellant, Harry J. Aleo, filed a timely appeal on July 30, 2001, protesting the approval by the Planning Commission of an application for a conditional use authorization (Conditional Use Application No. 2000.1261EC, approved by Commission Motion No. 16182 on June 28, 2001) to develop a new four-story, mixed-use building, at a maximum height of forty feet, containing approximately 1,800 square feet of commercial office/retail space and eleven off-street parking spaces in the ground floor garage, and ten dwelling units on the remaining three upper floors, on two lots with a total area exceeding 5,000 square feet, in an NC (Neighborhood Commercial Cluster) District and a 40-X height and Bulk District, on property located at 4501 Irving Street, southwest corner of Irving Street and 46th Avenue (Lots 47 and 49 in Assessor’s Block 1801).

The public hearing before the Board of Supervisors on said appeal was scheduled for August 20, 2001. On August 20 the Board continued the public hearing to September 24, 2001. On September 24 the Board conducted a duly noticed hearing on the appeal from the
Planning Commission's approval referred to in the first paragraph of this motion. Following the conclusion of the public hearing on September 24, the Board disapproved the decision of the Planning Commission (Planning Commission Motion No. 16182), and approved the issuance of requested Conditional Use Application No. 2000.1261EC subject to conditions imposed by the Board of Supervisors, those conditions being different from those imposed by the Planning Commission in several respects.

In reviewing the appeal of the approval of the requested conditional use authorization, this Board reviewed and considered the written record before the Board and all of the public comments made in support of and opposed to the appeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco hereby adopts as its own and incorporates by reference herein, as though fully set forth, the findings made by the Planning Commission in its Motion No. 16182, dated June 28, 2001, except as indicated below.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors took notice that a Certificate of Determination of Exemption/Exclusion from Environmental Review for Case No. 2000.1261EC was issued on February 15, 2001, by the Planning Department, confirming that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment, and that no further environmental review is required. The Board finds that there have been no substantial project changes, no substantial changes in project circumstances, and no new information of substantial importance that would change the determination of exemption issued by the Planning Department.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that it appears that the project developer intends to develop the housing units on the site as ownership units. The development of these units as ownership units is subject to the laws of the City and County of San Francisco and of the State of California with regard to subdivisions.
FURTHER MOVED, That the conditional use authorization conditions approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 24 included the revision of the building to be a three-story, mixed use building, at a maximum height of thirty-three feet, containing approximately 1,800 square feet of commercial office/retail space and no less than eleven, but up to twelve off-street parking spaces, with the twelfth parking space, if provided, allowed as independently accessible or tandem parking, in the ground floor garage, and eight dwelling units on the remaining two upper floors. The conditions approved by the Board also included the deletion of conditions 6 through 11 of the conditions of approval in Exhibit A of Planning Commission Motion No. 16182, the modification of condition 1 of Exhibit A to be consistent with the Board’s September 24 decision, and the retention of the remaining conditions in Exhibit A. Planning Commission finding 2 is amended and adopted by the Board accordingly.

FURTHER MOVED, That at the public hearing, members of the public urged the Board to disapprove the decision of the Planning Commission because of their concerns about the height of the proposed development, the number of housing units, and the amount of off-street parking spaces provided for the proposed ten housing units and the commercial space in the proposed project. The Board finds that neighborhood opposition to the project, as proposed, is significant, and that finding 3 of the Planning Commission is incorrect. The Board adopts this finding in place of the Planning Commission’s finding 3.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors finds that finding 4 of the Planning Commission is incorrect, and the Board adopts this finding in place of Planning Commission finding 4. The (proposed four-story) mass and façade of the proposed structure are incompatible with the existing scale of the district, which is characterized by two story buildings in the areas adjacent to the proposed project. The Board also finds that the proposed ten units of housing are out of scale with the adjacent properties in the neighborhood. The Board further finds that the revised three-story building and eight housing
units are compatible with the existing scale of the district, and with the design and features of
adjacent facades, and that it will contribute to the positive visual quality of the district.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board reduced the number of housing units in the
proposed project from ten to eight. The parking requirements were also altered to require no
less than eleven, but up to twelve parking spaces, with the twelfth parking space, if provided,
allowed as independently accessible, or tandem, parking, in the ground floor garage. These
changes are consistent with City requirements, as referred to in Planning Commission
findings 10 and 11, and Planning Commission finding 10 is amended and adopted by the
Board accordingly.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board altered the proposed project to provide eight
housing units. This change is consistent with City requirements, as referred to in Planning
Commission finding 12, and Planning Commission finding 12 is amended and adopted by the
Board accordingly.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board finds that the revised project (which deletes the
requirement of two affordable housing units), as approved by the Board, will meet the
requirements of Planning Code Section 303. The revised project will provide a development
that is necessary or desirable for, and compatible with, the neighborhood or the community,
and that such use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, convenience or general welfare
of persons residing or working in the vicinity, or injurious to property, improvements or
potential development in the vicinity, and that such use will not adversely affect the General
Plan. The project as approved by the Planning Commission, contrary to finding 13 of the
Planning Commission, would not have met the requirements of Planning Code Section 303,
due to its height, mass, number of housing units, and insufficient parking for the size of the
project. Findings 13 and 15c of the Planning Commission is are amended, and adopted by
the Board as amended, to reflect that the revised project, as approved by the Board, will
increase the availability and variety of neighborhood serving commercial establishments with
the ground floor retail space and will also provide eight much needed dwelling units in the
City. The revised project will be compatible with recent development in the community.

FURTHER MOVED, That on balance, the project, as revised by the Board of
Supervisors, is consistent with the Objectives and Policies of the General Plan. Finding 14 of
the Planning Commission is amended and adopted by the Board as amended to reflect that
the revised project, as approved by the Board, will result in a building height compatible with
the character of surrounding buildings, rather than a prominent corner building, and, by adding
eight housing units, will increase the supply of housing, but not affordable units, without
affecting the prevailing character of the existing neighborhood.

FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors, after carefully balancing the
competing public and private interests, disapproved the decision of the Planning Commission
by its Motion 16182, dated June 28, 2001, and approved the issuance of the Conditional Use
Application, subject to the conditions imposed by the Board on September 24, 2001 and
referred to earlier in this motion.
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September 26, 2001 Board of Supervisors — REFERRED: Board of Supervisors

October 1, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE

October 1, 2001 Board of Supervisors — AMENDED

October 1, 2001 Board of Supervisors — APPROVED AS AMENDED

Ayes: 9 - Ammiano, Gonzalez, Hall, Leno, McGoldrick, Newsom, Peskin, Sandoval, Yee
Absent: 2 - Daly, Maxwell
I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was APPROVED AS AMENDED on October 1, 2001 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board