



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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## Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Report for the North Beach Library and Joe DiMaggio Playground Master Plan Project / 701 Lombard St., 2000 Mason St./661 Lombard St.

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A Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been prepared by the San Francisco Planning Department in connection with this project. The report is available for public review and comment on the Planning Department's MEA Cases webpage (<http://tinyurl.com/meacases>). CDs and paper copies are also available at the Planning Information Center (PIC) at 1660 Mission Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor. Referenced materials are available for review at the Planning Department's office at 1650 Mission Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor (Call 415-575-9033).

**Project Description:** The project sponsors, the San Francisco Public Library and Recreation and Park Department, propose to demolish the existing North Beach Branch Library and construct a new library and upgrade recreational facilities at the Joe DiMaggio Playground. The project site comprises two parcels and the Mason Street right-of-way on sites bounded by Lombard Street to the north, Powell Street to the east, Greenwich Street to the south and Columbus Avenue to the west within the City's North Beach neighborhood. Assessor's Block 74, Lot 001 is a triangular parcel containing surface parking at 701 Lombard Street. Assessor's Block 75, Lot 001 is a parcel at 2000 Mason Street / 661 Lombard Street that comprises library and recreation space. The project's first phase would involve vacation (closure) of a portion of Mason Street to vehicular traffic, landscaping improvements in the former Mason Street right-of-way, construction of a new 8,500-square-foot (sf) branch library on the 701 Lombard Street parcel and a portion of the right-of-way, and demolition of the existing library. The project's second phase would include excavation, renovation and reorganization of the playground features. The project would result in a total net increase of approximately 3,200 sf of library floor area and about 12,010 sf of new open space. The project would require rezoning of Block 74, Lot 001 to a Public (P) use designation or Conditional Use authorization for a library in the North Beach Neighborhood Commercial District; General Plan and Priority Policy conformity findings, as well as approval by the Library and Recreation and Park Commissions, Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

A **public hearing** on this Draft EIR and other matters has been scheduled by the Planning Commission for October 7, 2010, in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, beginning at 1:30 p.m. or later. (Call 415-558-6422 the week of the hearing for a recorded message giving a more specific time.)

**Public comments** will be accepted from August 25, 2010, to 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to Bill Wycko, Environmental Review Officer, San Francisco Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103. Comments received at the public hearing and in writing will be responded to in a Comments and Responses document. If you have any questions about the **environmental review** of the proposed project, please call **Michael Jacinto** at 415-575-9033.