



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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May 26, 2009

Douglas Jackson  
2553B Folsom Street  
San Francisco, California 94110

RE: "REBUILD" LETTER FOR THE PROPERTY AT 2553-2555 FOLSOM STREET  
BLOCK: 3613 LOT: 023A

Dear Mr. Jackson:

This letter is in response to your correspondence of May 19, 2009 requesting a "rebuild" letter for the property at 2553 - 2555 Folsom Street, stating that the subject building can be restored to its original condition and use in the event the property is destroyed by fire or any other form of natural disaster. The subject property is located in the RH-3 (Residential, House Districts, Three-Family) zoning district with 40 feet height and "X" bulk limitation.

Our assessor's record for this property shows that the authorized use for the subject building is a four family dwelling. This structure if voluntarily removed or required by law to be razed by the owner cannot be replaced without complying with all Planning and Building Codes, Residential Design Guidelines and relevant Master Plan Policies. However, Planning Code Section 181(d) and 188(b) would allow a structure that is damaged or destroyed by fire, other calamity, act of God or public enemy to be restored to its former condition and use provided that such restoration is permitted by the Building Code and is started within one year and diligently prosecuted to completion. **Hence, if the subject building is destroyed as stated herein, it can be rebuilt to its original condition and use as a four family dwelling.**

Please direct any questions regarding this letter to Valentine Isoken Omokaro at (415) 558-6403.

If you believe this determination represents an error in interpretation of the Planning Code or abuse in discretion by the Zoning Administrator, an appeal may be filed with the Board of Permit Appeals within 15 days of the date of this letter. For information regarding the appeals process, please contact the Board of Permit Appeals located at 1650 Mission Street, Room 304, San Francisco, or call (415) 575-6880.

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Sincerely,

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