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Eugene Flannery Environmental Compliance Manager Mayor's Office of Housing 1 South Van Ness Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco, CA 94103

Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Alice Griffith Redevelopment Project, San

Francisco, California (CEQ #20110430)

Dear Mr. Flannery:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the above-referenced document pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

We commend the Mayor's Office of Housing for seeking to improve housing conditions for low-income residents, and to improve interconnectedness with the surrounding community and encourage retail and recreational opportunities for residents. We have rated this Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) as LO, *Lack of Objections*. Please see the attached *Summary of EPA Rating Definitions* for a description of our rating system.

We support the following features of the proposed action, as described in the DEIS:

- Onsite stormwater treatment facilities such as vegetate swales and rainwater cisterns;
- Green building features, such as energy-efficient lighting, daylighting, and natural ventilation; and
- Mitigation to minimize health risks associated with construction emissions.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the DEIS. When the Final EIS is released for public review, please send one CD copy to the address above (mail code: CED-2). If you have any questions, please contact Carolyn Mulvihill, the lead reviewer for this project, at 415-947-3554 or mulvihill.carolyn@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ann McPherson for

Kathleen Martyn Goforth, Manager Environmental Review Office Enclosures: Summary of EPA Rating Definitions

cc: Ernest Molins, HUD