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October 10, 2018

Lisa Gibson
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1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
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Subject: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Central SoMa Plan

Dear Ms. Gibson,

Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) staff reviewed the City and County of San Francisco's (City) Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Central SoMa Plan (Project). The City issued the DEIR on December 14, 2016, and the City accepted public comments on the document between December 14, 2016 and February 13, 2017.

The Project is a comprehensive plan for the area surrounding the southern portion of the Central Subway transit line. The Project includes approximately 230 acres that comprises 17 city blocks, as well as the streets and thoroughfares that connect SoMa to its adjacent neighborhoods. The Project seeks to encourage and accommodate housing and employment growth by: (1) removing land use restrictions to support a greater mix of uses while also emphasizing office uses in portions of the Project area; (2) amending existing height and bulk districts; (3) modifying the system of streets and circulation within and adjacent to the Project to meet the needs and goals of a dense, transit-oriented, mixed-use district; and (4) creating new and improving existing open spaces.

Air District staff greatly appreciate the opportunity to work with the City to address air quality impacts of this Project and others. To clarify statements made at the October 2, 2018 Board Hearing for the India Basin Mixed Use Project EIR Appeal, staff did review the Project's DEIR during the public comment period and found the air quality mitigation measures to be adequate. Therefore, the Air District did not comment on the Project DEIR at that time, nor do we have any comments currently. If you have any further questions about the Air District's review of this Project, please contact Alison Kirk, Senior Planner, at (415) 749-5169 or akirk@baaqmd.gov.

Sincerely,

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