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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall, Room 200
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

June 3, 2010

Dear Mayor Newsom:

I'm writing on behalf of the Marina Community Association to express our deep concern with plans to convert the King Edward II Inn on the corner of Scott and Lombard Streets to a housing project for Transitional Age Youth. We recognize that there is a need to provide services to at-risk young adults, and support the efforts of Larkin Street Youth Services and the Community Housing Partnership; both of which are reputable organizations. We also acknowledge that District 2 must be amenable to low-income housing in our community. However, this particular project is deeply flawed and should not proceed.

By itself, the fact that the Mayor's Office of Housing (MOH) made efforts to implement this project with no public input is troubling. When combined with the fact that MOH recommended that the initial project budget be raised from \$2 million to \$4.5 million, and that the project would require zoning changes to be viable, it is serious cause for alarm. Clearly this proposal, though well intended, has not been fully developed or subjected to the appropriate public scrutiny. To date, our organization is the only group to organize any legitimate public outreach; a responsibility that should appropriately fall to the project sponsors.

The Marina Community Association joins other neighborhood groups in opposing the proposal to convert the King Edward II Inn to housing for Transitional Age Youth. We strongly encourage you not to approve the loan application in its current form, and to direct the MOH to re-evaluate this project in its entirety.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Kind Regards,

John G. Millar
President, Marina Community Association