

January 25, 2023

ATTN: Gabriela Pantoja, Planner  
San Francisco Planning  
49 South Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94103

**RE: 369 Valley Street, San Francisco**

Dear Ms. Pantoja,

San Francisco Heritage is pleased to have the opportunity to support planning that preserves historic resources in a meaningful way, one that meets the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation.

We were recently made aware that plans for the development of the property at 369 Valley Street, which includes two Earthquake Shacks configured as one cottage, does not address these national criteria for historic preservation and rehabilitation. This site is an outstanding surviving example of its type, and one of the most accessible to the public. The city's own "Earthquake Shacks Theme Document," of 2021 identifies this site as a representative property.

Preservation architect Michael Garavaglia has outlined a number of concerns regarding the Valley Street Project Sponsor's April 2020 "Historic Preservation and Relocation Plan." We believe that Mr. Garavaglia's comments and recommendations are reasonable and valid, including the suggestion that qualified professionals are included in this project.

San Francisco Heritage asks the Planning Department and Planning Commission to incorporate Mr. Garavaglia's comments and concerns into the planning process.

Sincerely,



Karalyn Monteil  
President & CEO

cc: Marc Norton  
Michael Garavaglia