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**Partial Verbatim Transcript of Mayor's Press Conference:
Large Parcel Purchase in Mission for Affordable Housing**

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0:20:50	London Breed	<p>I just want to end it by saying that “<i>We have to be aggressive when it comes to getting more housing in the City.</i>” And yes, the housing bond is significant. It’s the largest housing bond ever introduced in the City’s history, and it doesn’t raise property taxes, but we have to fight to get that bond passed. Let me just also say there’s two other measures that I’m proposing. And I’m asking all of you to contact your [District] Supervisors for my proposed Charter amendment.</p> <p>That Charter amendment will make it possible so that all 100%-affordable and teacher housing [projects] can be built as a “<i>right.</i>” So when MEDA and Mission Housing, when they’re trying to go through this process to build housing and they have, sadly, sometimes people who are trying to stop it and they’re not asking for anything <i>other</i> than what’s already required by the [Planning] Code they need to get it built, and get it built faster.</p> <p>And there are people who don’t want us to do that. They say they want affordable housing now, but I’m proposing policies that will get that affordable housing delivered now. So, wherever you live, contact your members of the Board of Supervisors and express how important it is to pass this Charter amendment out of the Board [and onto the November ballot] so that we have no more delays around affordable housing. Our future is depending on it.</p> <p>I don’t want what happened to so many of us who actually grew up in this City, born and raised, and we turned around and we looked, and we’re wondering “<i>Where’s our communities?</i>” They couldn’t afford to live here because we have not built enough affordable housing. Yes, everyone wants affordable housing. Yes, everyone wants to make sure that San Francisco remains diverse. But it’s going to take work to make it happen. It will take work. It will take changes to policy. It will take bold and brave leadership. So, I’m asking for your support to get this done.</p> <p>The other thing that I’m proposing is an Ordinance, which I don’t have to go to the Board of Supervisors, thank goodness. We’re going to put an Ordinance on the [November] ballot that will re-zone all public property. So that when we — excluding parks, ladies and gentlemen — so that when we have an opportunity on public property that’s underutilized to build 100% affordable or teacher housing, we can do it without going through a lengthy two-year re-zoning planning process.</p>

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		<p>Everybody is wondering why Francis Scott Key is taking an additional two years. Merna Melgar [Vice President of the San Francisco Planning Commission] could tell you why it's taken an additional two years, because the property is not zoned for housing. But the community wants teacher housing. I want teacher housing. And so, it shouldn't take an additional two years to re-zone the property.</p> <p>This ... this is how we're going to create a better future: We're going to have to do things differently. We're going to have to make the right investments. And yes, we're going to have to come together, because if we don't want San Francisco to continue to change so significantly, we're ... our neighborhoods where we don't recognize any more, we're going to have to make an aggressive investment in affordable housing. That's what today is about. It's an aggressive investment in affordable housing. It is the support from this community that has made it possible.</p> <p>And so, I plan to do everything I can to put housing at the forefront of our decisions, at the forefront of our discussions, at the forefront of how we invest our dollars. And so, I ask each and every one of you to continue your advocacy to make sure that we not only acquire this property, but we get it done in less time than it typically takes us to get a project like this done.</p> <p>Thank you all. Thank you all so much for being here, the Mission community. Now let's get it done! Thank you.</p>
0:25:23		End of Breed's remarks.