

Comments from the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board - November 3, 2003  
Meeting, on the Uptown Mixed Use Project Draft Environmental Impact Report:

Anna Naruta, Historical Archeologist, Oakland resident: Ms. Naruta addressed potential archaeological resources associated with Uptown Chinatowns, based on findings of resources close to the area slated for the uptown mixed use development project. Research indicates that two blocks from the proposed project area, there had been previous archaeological monitoring projects. In those project areas, the existing buildings were historic structures with basements (dug into the earth) and also some mid-20<sup>th</sup> century replacements. They actually found, in each area, remains even below the basements and in those areas associated with the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century buildings that had replaced historic buildings. This gives characterizing information indicating how likely it is that it can be expected that the uptown mixed use project will also encounter significant archaeological remains. Therefore, the mitigations in the Draft EIR need to be extended. Page 213 of the Draft EIR states that the project area has a likely hood of containing historical archaeological deposits. The next page states some of the deposits are likely to be associated with early Chinatown settlements and may be of use in answering important research questions. The proposed mitigation of just having an archeological monitor, which may be appropriate when you don't expect to have any archeological remains, is inadequate.

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Steve Lowe: Has concerns regarding the Uptown Mixed Use Project and how it is currently configured. He stated that the project is wrongly configured with respect to the location of the park. The developers have stated that there would be some kind of forthcoming community dialogue to figure out where the park should be. Currently, it is in the middle of the project facing 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Many believe that it should be out on Telegraph, the heart of the area. Locating the park along Telegraph would provide a view corridor from the Fox Theatre to Navalets and would also incorporate views of the existing wonderful historic facades mixed with views of the new development. To deny that view, erodes the idea having a real center.

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