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Dear Commissioners,

We received notice of the request for an extension on the senior housing project that you will be considering next week. I have already voiced my concerns at the original project hearings but will restate them again:

- the proposed location is not suitable for a senior housing use. This site is adjacent to a very active night club and the freeway which is an inherent conflict with the senior population that will reside here.

- the goal of the SoBeCa plan (which we were actively involved in implementing) was to create a mixed use arts and entertainment district within the City. The mix of restaurants, shops, artist workshops, entertainment venues and live work spaces is intended to integrate throughout the neighborhood to create a very active urban environment. The idea is that any residents that would choose to live in SoBeCa would actively seek out this type of bustling neighborhood BECAUSE of this activity. I feel a senior resident will be looking for the polar opposite experience we have spent many years working with the City to create here.

We would really like to see this property redeveloped and improved, but feel this use is simply not a good fit for this location. We are asking you to not approve this extension and request the developer to consider a new use for this site.

Thank you,

Shaheen Sadeghi