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East Slope Design Review Board

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RE: 11 Wright Street
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CC: Kimberly Durandet, SF Planning
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Dear Hien,

The Bernal Heights East Slope Design Review Board held a neighborhood meeting on February 3, 2022 to review a presentation based on drawings dated January 18, 2022 for the proposed remodel and rear addition to 11 Wright Street. The meeting was held over Zoom and attended by one neighbor, who lives next door at 21 Wright Street.

The Board believes that the project is in general conformance with the Bernal Heights East Slope Building Guidelines. The rear addition will not be visible from the street, and no changes to the front facade are proposed.

Though modifying the front facade is not within the current scope of the project, the Board notes that the tall fence enclosing the front yard and entry stairs is rather harsh and uncharacteristic of most other homes on this block. If there is an opportunity to make the entry more neighborly and welcoming by using strategies employed in nearby homes, such as a lower and/or more transparent fence and visible landscaping, the Board would welcome that. The Guidelines emphasize the important role played by front yard setbacks, landscaping, and entry treatments in creating the special character of our neighborhood.

We understand that a variance will be required since the proposed project does not comply with mass reduction requirements. In general, the Board believes that projects should comply with the mass reduction requirements of Planning Code Section 242, the Bernal Heights Special Use District, where feasible. We don't have a position on the variance for this particular project. The neighbor indicated that he supported the project.

Since the Board is not a City agency, it does not have the power to either approve or disapprove the application.

Cordially,



Wendy Cowles, Chair
On Behalf of the Bernal Heights ESDRB