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Subject:	Concerns about Warriors Arena & 5M Development
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Dear Ms. Kim,

I've never taken the time to contact anyone at City Hall but two huge developments currently under consideration demand responses.

I work at UCSF Mission Bay and am convinced that the proposed arena development is a huge mistake. I am fortunate to be able to walk to work, but for my colleagues game days at AT&T Park already involve forward planning, changes to schedules, or work from home. Traffic is awful and the already glacial Muni cars are further slowed. The arena development is completely ill-suited to a university campus and medical center location--not to mention a prime waterfront site. The scale is ill judged and and it just does not fit with a world class research institution. The site is poorly served by public transport, just two routes--it only functions now because of extensive private shuttle links.

Secondly I recently learned of the so-called 5M development two blocks from my home (Russ St). I am horrified by the inappropriate scale of the plans. Retail and service businesses are already being squeezed out of Soma, extending the FiDi westward will not help. The plan strikes me as intentionally vague, with promises of retail and art space, that just don't add up financially. Retail even in the Westfield is struggling to survive, and arts organizations don't stand a chance. Witness the Mint building which has sat closed--when that project for a museum (or a gallery, something?) should have been a city priority.

While I'm taking the time to write I'm curious to know what is being done about the vacant lot that used to be a car park on 7th St at Minna. It's been ripped up and become a eyesore, at night it's positively apocalyptic. I can only imagine what the tourists in the 3 nearby hotels make of it. Surely the owner has a responsibility to maintain even a vacant lot?

I could continue, but I won't.

Yours Gavin Rynne