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John Kwong, Permit Manager, Department of Public Works  
City Hall, Room 348  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear Mr. Kwong:

I have reviewed the documents you sent, and I do not see among these documents any documents relating to the closure of Market Street, which is a pre-condition for issuance of a permit for banners to be placed on the historic lamp posts on Market Street, per Public Works Code section 184.78(f)(2)(A), nor do I see a Certificate of Appropriateness, pursuant to section 184.78(f)(4). Could you please provide such documents, or confirm such documents do not exist.

Second, I do not see any explanation from the City for granting a permit for these banners, which, while purporting to be "City-wide event" banners, are not **"announcing** an event or series of related events," as required by section 184.78(c)(3).

Third, on its face, the application for the "sidewalk march" states that there is an expected attendance of only 200 people, which falls far short of the 500 expected attendees required for a banner permit to issue for a "City-wide event." Even combined with the 500 expected attendees at the other event on January 21 at Justin Herman Plaza, there are only 700 expected attendees, again, falling short of the 1000 expected attendees required for a banner permit to issue for a "series of related events," per section 184.78(c)(6).

Finally, I do not see any explanation from the City for granting a permit for banners bearing logos taking up more than 15% of the space on the banner, as well as slogans, both of which are in violation of DPW Order No. 175,208.

In conclusion, it appears from the documents provided that the banner permit should not have issued and that the City should, as demanded in our earlier letter, revoke the permit and remove the banners.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Very truly yours,

Catherine Short