



Proposed Acquisition of the Buchanan Hotel for Permanent Supportive Housing Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the proposed project at the Buchanan Hotel (1800 Sutter Street) and who will it serve?

The City of San Francisco is proposing to purchase the Buchanan Hotel at 1800 Sutter Street in District 5 to convert it to Permanent Supportive Housing with up to 131 units. The building will provide affordable homes with onsite social services to help tenants gain and maintain housing and stability. The Buchanan Hotel will have professional property management and onsite support services.

What is Permanent Supportive Housing?

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is affordable housing with supportive services. PSH tenants have their own units and their own leases.

How will the provider be selected?

The non-profit provider will be selected through a competitive process.

What was the process for selecting this location?

To assist the City and County of San Francisco in addressing homelessness, the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing ("HSH") issued a Request for Information (RFI) to interested property owners to submit information to assist the City in identifying suitable properties for possible acquisition as permanent supportive housing. The owners of the Buchanan Hotel submitted property information under the RFI, and after both a document review and a site visit, the property was prioritized for acquisition based on its condition, location, price, and ability to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

What is the process for approval and moving forward? Also, what is the timeline?

HSH is required by Chapter 79 in the Administrative Code (Prop I) to provide 30-day notice for change of use of an existing site.

This requirement was fulfilled in August 2021 through posted signage and a notification letter sent to all residents and businesses within 200 feet of the property. Additional information on proposed projects including information about public meetings can be found at HSH's website at:

<https://hsh.sfgov.org/get-involved/notices/>

The purchase of this building must be authorized by the Board of Supervisors and will be heard in committee no earlier than September 22, 2021. Details about the date, time and location of the hearing will be posted at <https://hsh.sfgov.org/get-involved/notices/> and on the Board of Supervisors' website at <https://sfbos.org>.

What is the site currently being used for? If there are existing tenants, what will happen to them?

The building is being used as a Shelter-in-Place hotel. The building will continue to operate as a Shelter-in-Place hotel throughout the program winddown and conversion process.