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The Honorable Aaron Peskin
Chair, Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Submitted via electronic mail

Re: File #220535 — Charter Amendment — Homelessness Oversight Commission

Dear Chair Peskin, Members of the Rules Committee, and Supervisor Safai:

On behalf of GLIDE, I write in support of the creation of a Homelessness Oversight Commission (the Commission) for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH). Thank you for your commitment to transparency and accountability, as well as incorporating feedback throughout the development of this Charter Amendment.

The resolution has come a long way from its initial iteration, and we are encouraged by the direction of the revised proposal. We particularly appreciate the emphasis that has been placed on prioritizing the voices of people with lived experience and that the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee will make funding recommendations to the Mayor, the Board, and the Commission. These are meaningful amendments and have been informed and supported by community and provider feedback.

We remain concerned, however, about the balance in appointment authority. We stand by the recommendation that the Mayor should be allowed to appoint no more than three seats on the Commission. For the Commission to have more balanced accountability and oversight, the fourth seat should be appointed by the Controller or the Health Officer. Furthermore, one seat should be designated for a Permanent Supportive Housing tenant, because they are a key constituent impacted by HSH's decisions and policies.

On behalf of GLIDE, thank you for your consideration of these priorities. To make the Commission the most effective it can be, please adopt these amendments regarding seat appointments. For questions about the organization's position, please write to me at wsaver@glide.org.

Sincerely,

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