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Community Support Letter to Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee Stephen Engblom as Port Commissioner

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support as a community member for Stephen Engblom, AIA, LEED AP, to serve on the San Francisco Port Commission. Stephen's extensive background as an architect who has focused on Resilience, Urban Regeneration, Equitable Real Estate and Infrastructure combined with his accomplished executive experience and academic contributions, make him an exceptional candidate for this role.

Stephen has more than two decades of urban design and architectural experience, having collaborated with cities and communities not only in the San Francisco Bay Area but also across the nation and around the globe. His ability to seamlessly bridge the corporate and academic worlds has allowed him to develop and execute successful growth strategies, build strong client and professional relationships, and deliver outstanding financial results. He has a proven track record of fostering strong community ties and mentoring generations of urbanists.

As a SPUR Board Member for the past six years, Stephen has shared his expertise and network generously. His bridge between SPUR and the corporate and academic worlds has been extremely valuable to SPUR. As a Senior Managing Director at CBRE, Stephen launched the world's largest real estate consultancy's first public sector-facing practice, and as an Executive Vice President at AECOM, he spearheaded the development of AECOM Cities, a holistic, client-centered approach to urban infrastructure projects worldwide. His current role as founder of Engblom Architecture and Planning, where he is advising on affordable housing and architectural design, along with his faculty position at UC Berkeley, where he teaches resilience in real estate development, further highlight his dedication to innovative and sustainable urban development. As a SPUR Board Member he led several critical studies, most recently, "Five Ideas for Transforming the San Francisco Waterfront – How to Protect Communities from Climate Change, Restore Shoreline Ecology and Improve Waterfront Access – for Everyone."

Stephen's work is characterized by a deep technical knowledge, a global network of industry relationships, and a history of delivering equitable, environmental, and economic strategies for public and private sector clients. His work has consistently demonstrated an ability to conceive, design, and develop culturally-relevant places that address economic viability, ecological sustainability, and social equity.

Stephen's intellectual rigor, passion for urban development, and hands-on experience make him an empathetic and inspiring leader. His commitment to advancing equity, environmental, and economic outcomes through innovative urban design solutions aligns well with the goals of the San Francisco Port Commission.

In conclusion, Stephen Engblom's exceptional qualifications and comprehensive experience in urban planning and development make him an outstanding candidate for the San Francisco Port Commission. I have no doubt that his contributions will significantly benefit the Commission and the broader San Francisco community.

Thank you for considering Stephen Engblom for this important role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alicia John-Baptiste', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Alicia John-Baptiste
President & CEO, SPUR

June 12, 2024

Mr. Victor Young
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Re: Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee Stephen Engblom (Port Commission)

Dear Mr. Young,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Stephen Engblom, AIA, LEED AP, to serve on the San Francisco Port Commission. As someone who has worked closely with Stephen on the Resilient Bay Challenge's study for the San Leandro Bay, and as his division director at UC Berkeley since I invited him to join the faculty in 2020, I can confidently attest to his exemplary work and his spirit of community-based infrastructure and bay front development.

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Among Stephen's notable achievements are his contributions to resilient urban regeneration, infrastructure-led urban development, campus and district planning, and regional strategy. His leadership at CBRE positioned that company for success in the global infrastructure sector, while his time at AECOM saw him forming strategic partnerships and promoting inter-company collaboration, leading to significant financial growth and industry recognition.

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Thank you for considering Stephen Engblom for this important role. I am certain he will be a valuable asset to the City of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kristina Hill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kristina" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Hill".

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