



# THE EAST CUT

September 8, 2025

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Support for the Appointment of Tony Tolentino to the Downtown  
Revitalization and Economic Recovery Financing District Board of Directors**

Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Tony Tolentino to serve as a community member on the San Francisco Downtown Revitalization and Economic Recovery Financing District Board of Directors.

Through his leadership at JPMorgan Chase, Tony has been a committed partner in advancing the recovery and long-term vitality of downtown San Francisco. His work has helped channel meaningful support to The East Cut Community Benefit District, SF New Deal, La Cocina, and the Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center. Importantly, Tony has not only directed resources to these initiatives but has also helped develop a thoughtful framework for how philanthropic and corporate support can fuel an ecosystem of small businesses, community anchors, and catalytic projects that will strengthen downtown for years to come.

In my experience working directly with Tony, he brings not only a deep understanding of San Francisco's challenges and opportunities, but also a collaborative and pragmatic approach that bridges the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. These qualities will be invaluable as the new Financing District takes on the complex work of office-to-residential conversions and adaptive reuse at the heart of downtown's recovery.

I strongly recommend his appointment and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

The Housing Action Coalition (HAC) strongly supports the appointment of Tony Tolentino to serve as a community member on the Board of Directors for the San Francisco Downtown Revitalization and Economic Recovery Financing District.

As a pro-housing advocacy organization working across California, HAC has been a vocal supporter of the City's efforts to convert underutilized office buildings into new homes. We've been proud to advocate for the creation of this new Financing District – a bold, creative step toward reimagining downtown as a vibrant, livable neighborhood that supports small businesses, brings residents closer to jobs and transit, and helps San Francisco meet its Housing Element goals.

Mr. Tolentino has been a committed and thoughtful partner in this work. Through our direct collaboration on housing policy and downtown revitalization efforts, we've seen his deep understanding of both the technical and community dimensions of urban transformation. He brings a sharp policy mind, a collaborative approach, and a strong commitment to solutions that work not just on paper, but for the people who live and work in this city every day.

As the District Board takes shape, it is essential to have public members who understand the urgent need for action, who are familiar with the challenges and opportunities of downtown recovery, and who are ready to roll up their sleeves and help guide this process forward. Mr. Tolentino is exactly the kind of person we want in that room.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support Tony Tolentino's appointment and thank you for your continued leadership on housing and economic recovery in San Francisco.

Thank you.

**Corey Smith**, *Executive Director*  
Housing Action Coalition (HAC)

Robbie Silver  
President & CEO

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Downtown SF Partnership, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Tony Tolentino and to highlight his impactful collaboration with our organization during his time at JP Morgan Chase.

Tony has been a valued partner in our shared mission to revitalize downtown San Francisco. Through his leadership and commitment, he has helped strengthen our economic development initiatives and bring meaningful activations to life. These efforts have not only fostered vibrancy in our urban core but also directly supported and uplifted our small business community.

His ability to bridge resources, build partnerships, and champion innovative solutions has made a tangible difference in creating a thriving and resilient downtown. We deeply appreciate his ongoing dedication to San Francisco's future and are proud to recognize his contributions to advancing our collective goals.

I highly recommend him for an appointment to the San Francisco Downtown Revitalization and Economic Recovery Financing District Board of Directors.



Sincerely,  
Robbie Silver

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Re: Appointment of Tony Tolentino to the Downtown Revitalization Financing District Board

Dear Board President Mandelman, Supervisor Walton, and Supervisor Sherrill:

As the Chief Policy Officer of SPUR, I am writing to enthusiastically support the appointment of Tony Tolentino to the Downtown Revitalization Financing District. SPUR is a non-profit public policy organization that works to make the San Francisco Bay Area more sustainable, equitable and prosperous through research, education and advocacy. In the last three years, SPUR has led policy research to revitalize downtown San Francisco, including state and local advocacy to establish a tax increment financing district to incentivize office-to-residential conversions. We applaud the City's leadership in moving forward with the implementation of practical tools that can help accelerate Downtown's transformation into a vibrant, mixed-use, and inclusive district.

In his role at JPMorgan Chase, Tony has been a critical partner for SPUR. He has been a champion of San Francisco's economic recovery and efforts to revitalize downtown, supporting many local organizations that are working on this issue. He has been at the forefront of his organization's commitments to Downtown San Francisco, bringing together the business community, nonprofits, entrepreneurs, elected officials, and many others to help address the challenges facing the city. Given his background in finance and urban planning, combined with his deep love of San Francisco, Tony is the perfect fit for this board.

Respectfully,

Sujata Srivastava  
Chief Policy Officer  
SPUR