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Ms. Angela Calvillo
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Board of Supervisors, City Hall
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Dear Ms. Calvillo:

RE: File No. 190214

Ordinance amending the Building Code to waive specified fees for 100% affordable housing projects, as defined herein, and accessory dwelling unit projects for an approximately one-year pilot program; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

This amendment was heard at the Code Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on March 13, 2019. The CAC recommended the adoption of ordinance File No. 190214 as written with the added conditions that all fees be waived including but not limited to Planning Department, Fire Department, Mayor's Office on Disability, and the Public Utilities Commission so the project sponsors are not misled as to what the fee waiver entails. The CAC also requested a provision be added that the fee waiver would not apply to Accessory Dwelling Units created in existing multi-family dwellings unless they are 100% affordable units.

The Building Inspection Commission met and held a public hearing on March 20, 2019 regarding the proposed amendment to the San Francisco Building Code referenced above. The Commissioners voted unanimously to **recommend approval** of the proposed Ordinance.

Commissioners also discussed the following items:

- 1) Commissioners did not necessarily agree with all of the CAC's comments, but they did agree that project sponsors shouldn't be misled and think that all fees are waived, when it's really only DBI fees.
- 2) Several Commissioners expressed that they thought fee deferrals for all Departments may be a more effective way to assist with building 100% affordable housing projects.
- 3) There was concern that fee waivers at DBI may negatively affect the budget,

and Commissioners don't want staff to potentially be faced with layoffs down the road.

- 4) Commissioners were in support of the legislation, but were happy to hear that after a year there would be an analysis done regarding the success of the pilot-program.

President McCarthy	Yes	Vice-President Walker	Yes
Commissioner Clinch	Yes	Commissioner Konstin	Yes
Commissioner Lee	Yes	Commissioner Moss	Yes
Commissioner Warshell	Yes		

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 558-6164.

Sincerely,



Sonya Harris
Commission Secretary

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