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Via email to: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

RE: Letter of Support for Board of Appeals Nominee, Tina Chang

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

As the founder and Executive Director of the Homeless Prenatal Program (HPP), I facilitate community efforts to care for and support tens of thousands of families, including women who are pregnant and homeless—and over the past two years, I have had the pleasure of getting to know and working with Tina Chang on increasing the reach of HPP's services.

At Associate Capital, Tina has been a key driver of her company's dedication of 36 residential units for HPP at their Power Station development. Tina has been smart, collaborative, and thoughtful in her communications, and I have been impressed with how she balances her professionalism with her personal caring touch. Tina also helped coordinate the due diligence effort by helping with technical land use matters and to navigate the planning process— which has helped us acquire the building and expand HPP's services adjacent to our existing one, a longstanding dream of mine.

I have collaborated with people of all walks of life over the past 30 years at HPP, and I know the importance of placing the right people in positions like the San Francisco Board of Appeals. That said, I have no doubt that Tina would be an excellent addition to the Board of Appeals. Tina is smart, compassionate, collaborative, fair, and open-minded, and I think she is exactly the kind of person we need on an important commission like this one.

I strongly endorse Tina to join the Board of Appeals, and I invite you to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Martha Ryan

Founder and Executive Director

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Dear Members of the Rules Committee:

As a community development practitioner, I have worked for various cities in the Bay Area and non-profit organizations serving low-income communities. In San Francisco, I am actively engaged in the City's land use and community processes, serving as Co-Chair of the SoMa Community Stabilization Fund and as a former member of the Eastern Neighborhoods CAC. Having participated on these bodies and through my professional experience, I believe that it is critical to select someone on the Board of Appeals who has expertise in the city planning code and the city process -- and Tina Chang is the best fit for this role. Her years of work as a City Planner for the City and County of San Francisco and now as a Real Estate Developer, provide her with the experience and knowledge to make informed decisions as an Appeals Board member. In addition, I understand the importance of selecting someone who would listen empathetically, act impartially, and decide fairly, and with these characteristics in mind, I strongly endorse Tina Chang as a San Francisco Board of Appeals Commissioner.

I met Tina Chang seven years ago through a mutual friend, and bonded over our similar urban planning backgrounds and our love for the City. I have grown to respect her on both personal and professional levels. Over fun-runs across the City, art-walks to support art within San Francisco's 6th Street Corridor, and more recently during playdates with our toddlers, we discuss issues such as social and racial equity, housing affordability, and community stabilization, and it is clear that Tina has a clear understanding of the issues and an open-minded and practical way of addressing them. Tina was the first person to visit me in the hospital when my daughter was born and as our families have expanded, I've witnessed her grow professionally as well.

I believe that Tina's technical expertise around the planning code will make her a vital asset on the Board of Appeals. But above all, Tina has integrity and a strong work ethic. Throughout my years of

knowing Tina, in whatever she does she gives her all. Furthermore, I believe she would be a superb addition to the Board of Appeals, and I strongly urge you to support her nomination.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristian Ongoco Romasanta". The signature is stylized with loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kristian Ongoco Romasanta

Mother, Community Development Practitioner, D8 Resident