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## MEMORANDUM

### RULES COMMITTEE

#### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Chair  
Rules Committee

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk *Victor Young*

DATE: February 7, 2022

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

#### **Item No. 30 File No. 211286**

[Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

#### RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman - Absent  
Supervisor Connie Chan - Aye  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney

1 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

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3 **Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7,**  
4 **2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties,**  
5 **composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection**  
6 **Commission; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California**  
7 **Environmental Quality Act.**

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9 Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
10 proposed Charter Amendment comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California  
11 Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of  
12 the Board of Supervisors in File No. 211286 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board  
13 affirms this determination.

14 Section 2. The Board of Supervisors hereby submits to the qualified voters of the City  
15 and County, at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, a proposal to amend the Charter of the  
16 City and County by revising Section 4.121 and Appendix D, to read as follows:

17 NOTE: **Unchanged Charter text and uncodified text** are in plain font.  
18 **Additions** are *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
19 **Deletions** are ~~*strike-through italics Times New Roman font*~~.  
20 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Charter  
21 subsections.

22 **SEC. 4.121. BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION.**

23 The Building Inspection Commission shall consist of seven members *nominated and*  
24 *appointed pursuant to this Section 4.121 and with an emphasis on seeking to include members*  
25 *concerned with tenant safety and habitability issues*. Four members shall be ~~nominated~~*appointed*  
by the Mayor for a term of two years. Three members shall be ~~nominated~~*appointed* by the  
President of the Board of Supervisors for a term of two years. *Two of the four Mayoral*

1 appointments shall each have one or more of the following qualifications: be an active, formerly  
2 active, or retired structural engineer, architect, or residential builder. One of the three Board  
3 President appointments shall have one or more of the following qualifications: be a residential  
4 tenant or work or have worked for a non-profit housing organization.

5 Each nomination of the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors is subject to  
6 approval by the Board of Supervisors, and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote  
7 within 60 days. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the  
8 nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed  
9 approved. The appointment shall become effective on the date the Board adopts a motion  
10 approving the nomination or after 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk  
11 of the Board of Supervisors. Members may be removed by the appointing officer only pursuant  
12 to Section 15.105. Vacancies occurring in the offices of ~~appointive~~ members, ~~either during or at~~  
13 ~~the expiration of a term,~~ shall be nominated and appointed in accordance with the appointment  
14 process specified in this paragraph~~filled by the appointing officer.~~

15 The Building Inspection Commission shall have responsibility for oversight of the  
16 Department of Building Inspection, which shall have responsibility for the enforcement,  
17 administration, and interpretation of the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical,  
18 Electrical, and Plumbing Codes, except where this Charter specifically grants that power to  
19 another department.

20 The Commission shall oversee the inspection and regulation of additions, alterations,  
21 and repairs in all buildings and structures covered by the San Francisco Housing, Building,  
22 Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. However, nothing in this Section 4.121 shall  
23 diminish or alter the jurisdiction of the Planning Commission or Department over changes of use  
24 or occupancy under the Planning Code. The Commission shall ensure the provision of minimum  
25 standards to safeguard life or limb, health, property, and the public welfare by regulating and

1 controlling the safe use of such buildings and structures. The Commission shall ensure the  
2 vigorous enforcement of City laws mandating the provision of heat and hot water to residential  
3 tenants. The Commission shall also ensure the enforcement of local, state, and federal disability  
4 access laws. The Commission shall exercise all the powers and duties of boards and  
5 commissions set forth in Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104, and may take other actions as  
6 prescribed by ordinance. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.

7 The Commission shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with fulfilling its  
8 responsibilities under this Charter. The Commission shall also adopt rules and regulations  
9 governing Commission meetings and also adopt requirements for notification and mailing for  
10 Commission business. The Commission shall hold public hearings on all proposed amendments  
11 to the San Francisco Building Code, Electrical Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, and  
12 Mechanical Code.

13 The Commission shall constitute the Abatement Appeals Board, and shall assume all  
14 powers granted to this entity under this Charter and the San Francisco Building Code. The  
15 Commission shall appoint and may remove at its pleasure members of the Board of Examiners,  
16 Access Appeals Commission, and Code Advisory Committee, all of which shall have the powers  
17 and duties to the extent set forth in the San Francisco Building Code.

18 The Commission may reverse, affirm, or modify determinations made by the Department  
19 of Building Inspection on all permits required for a final certificate of completion. The  
20 Commission's jurisdiction under this paragraph, however, shall not extend to permits appealable  
21 to the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals. Appeals of decisions within the Commission's  
22 jurisdiction must be filed with the Commission within fifteen days of the challenged  
23 determination. The Commission's action shall be final.

24 ~~The four Mayoral appointments shall consist of a structural engineer, a licensed~~  
25 ~~architect, a residential builder, and a representative of a community based non profit housing~~

1 ~~development corporation. The three Supervisorial appointments shall consist of a residential~~  
2 ~~tenant, a residential landlord, and a member of the general public.~~

3 ~~—Notwithstanding any other provision of the Charter, the Commission shall have the~~  
4 ~~power to appoint and remove a department head.~~

## 5 **APPENDIX D:**

### 6 **BUILDING INSPECTION PROVISIONS**

#### 7 ***D3.750 ESTABLISHMENT***

8 ~~—Recognizing that the provision of safe and sanitary buildings is essential to the welfare~~  
9 ~~of the inhabitants of the City and County of San Francisco, there is hereby established a~~  
10 ~~Department of Building Inspection which shall consist of a Building Inspection Commission, a~~  
11 ~~Director of Building Inspection, and such employees as may be necessary to carry out the~~  
12 ~~functions and duties of said department. The commission shall organize, reorganize, and manage~~  
13 ~~the department. When the commission assumes management of the department, the Bureau of~~  
14 ~~Building Inspection shall cease to exist. Unless modified or repealed by the commission, all~~  
15 ~~orders, regulations, rules, and policies of the Bureau of Building Inspection will remain in effect.~~  
16 ~~Except as limited below, positions in the Bureau of Building Inspection of the Department of~~  
17 ~~Public Works legally authorized on the date the commission assumes management of the~~  
18 ~~department shall be continued, and incumbents therein legally appointed thereto shall be~~  
19 ~~continued as officers and employees of the department under the conditions governing their~~  
20 ~~respective appointments.~~

#### 21 ***D3.750-1. COMMISSION; COMPOSITION.***

22 ~~The Department of Building Inspection shall be under the management of a Building~~  
23 ~~Inspection Commission consisting of seven members. Four members shall be appointed by the~~  
24 ~~mayor for a term of two years; provided that the respective terms of office of those first~~  
25 ~~appointed shall be as follows: two for one year, and two for two years from the effective date of~~

1 ~~this section. Three members shall be appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors for~~  
2 ~~a term of two years; provided that the respective terms of office of those first appointed shall be~~  
3 ~~as follows: three for one year from the effective date of this section. The initial appointments~~  
4 ~~shall be made no later than fifteen days after the effective date of this section, and the~~  
5 ~~commission's management shall begin no later than forty five days after the effective date of this~~  
6 ~~section. Vacancies occurring in the offices of appointive members, either during or at expiration~~  
7 ~~of term, shall be filled by the electoral office that made the appointment. The four mayoral~~  
8 ~~appointments shall be comprised of a structural engineer, a licensed architect, a residential~~  
9 ~~builder, and a representative of a community based non profit housing development~~  
10 ~~corporation. The three Supervisorial appointments shall be comprised of a residential tenant, a~~  
11 ~~residential landlord, and a member of the general public. The members of the commission shall~~  
12 ~~serve without compensation.~~

13 ~~—Pursuant to Government Code Section 87103, individuals appointed to the commission~~  
14 ~~under this section are intended to represent and further the interest of the particular industries,~~  
15 ~~trades, or professions specified herein. Accordingly, it is found that for purposes of persons who~~  
16 ~~hold such office, the specified industries, trades, or professions are tantamount to and constitute~~  
17 ~~the public generally within the meaning of Government Code Section 87103.~~

18 **D3.750 AMENDMENT OF CHARTER PROVISIONS; TRANSITION**

19 The amendments of Section 4.121 and of provisions of this Appendix D, adopted at the  
20 June 7, 2022 election, shall become operative on July 1, 2023; provided, however, that the new  
21 process for nominating and confirming members to the Building Inspection Commission, along  
22 with the change in qualifications for members accompanying that new process, as specified in  
23 Section 4.121 as amended, shall commence sufficiently in advance of July 1, 2023 such that  
24 members may be appointed under the new process and be prepared to assume office on that  
25 date.

1           **D3.750-1 TERMS OF OFFICE OF BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION**

2           The terms of office of all members of the Commission who hold office as of July 1, 2023  
3 shall expire at noon on that date, at which time the terms of office for members of the  
4 Commission appointed pursuant to the new process for nominating and confirming members as  
5 referenced in Section D3.750 shall commence. In order to stagger the terms, three members  
6 (appointees to Seats 3 and 4, as designated by the Mayor when nominated; and the appointee to  
7 Seat 7, as designated by the President of the Board of Supervisors when nominated) shall  
8 initially serve one-year terms, and four members (appointees to Seats 1 and 2, as designated by  
9 the Mayor when nominated; and appointees to Seats 5 and 6, as designated by the President of  
10 the Board of Supervisors when nominated) shall initially serve two-year terms. All subsequent  
11 terms of office for all members of the Commission shall be two years.

12           **D3.750-2 DIRECTOR OF BUILDING INSPECTION; ~~OTHER EXECUTIVES~~**

13           The Director of Building Inspection shall be the department head and appointing officer  
14 of the Department of Building Inspection and shall be qualified by either technical training or  
15 administrative experience in the enforcement of building and other construction codes. The  
16 Director shall serve as the building official of the City and County ~~and, upon his or her~~  
17 ~~appointment, shall assume all of the powers and duties of the Director of Public Works with~~  
18 ~~respect to the administration and enforcement of the building code and other construction codes.~~  
19 ~~The Director shall have all the powers provided for department heads as set forth in Section~~  
20 ~~3.501 of this Charter. The Director shall be appointed by the commission and hold office at its~~  
21 ~~pleasure; the person who has civil service status in the position of Superintendent of the Bureau~~  
22 ~~of Building Inspection on the date the commission assumes management of the department shall~~  
23 ~~serve as interim Director pending the appointment of a Director by the commission. Subject to~~  
24 ~~the approval of the commission, and the budgetary and fiscal provisions of this Charter, the~~  
25 ~~Director shall have the power to appoint and remove, at his or her pleasure, up to one deputy~~



1 *superintendent and no more than two assistant superintendents, all of whom shall be exempt*  
2 *from the civil service provisions of this Charter.*

3 The Director shall not serve as an officer or member of any standing or ad hoc  
4 committee of any building industry or code development or enforcement organization or public  
5 agency other than the City and County of San Francisco without the prior approval of the  
6 Commission.

7 **~~D3.750-3 SECRETARY OF COMMISSION; CONSULTANTS~~**

8 ~~—The Building Inspection Commission may appoint a secretary, which appointment shall~~  
9 ~~not be subject to the civil service provisions of this Charter. Subject to the provisions of Section~~  
10 ~~6.302, 6.312 and 6.313 of this Charter, the commission may also contract with engineers or~~  
11 ~~other consultants for such services as it may require.~~

12 **~~D3.750-4 POWERS AND DUTIES~~**

13 ~~The Building Inspection Commission shall organize, reorganize, and manage the~~  
14 ~~Department of Building Inspection which shall have responsibility for the enforcement,~~  
15 ~~administration, and interpretation of the City's Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and~~  
16 ~~Plumbing Codes, except where this Charter specifically grants that power to another~~  
17 ~~department. The Central Permit Bureau, formerly within the Bureau of Building Inspection, shall~~  
18 ~~also be managed by the commission.~~

19 ~~—The commission shall inspect and regulate additions, alterations, and repairs in all~~  
20 ~~buildings and structures covered by the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical,~~  
21 ~~Electrical, and Plumbing Codes. Nothing in this chapter shall diminish or alter the jurisdiction~~  
22 ~~of the Planning Department over changes of use or occupancy under the Planning Code. The~~  
23 ~~commission shall ensure the provision of minimum standards to safeguard life or limb, health,~~  
24 ~~property, and the public welfare by regulating and controlling the safe use of such buildings and~~  
25 ~~structures. The commission shall ensure the vigorous enforcement of City laws mandating the~~

1 ~~provision of heat and hot water to residential tenants. The commission shall also ensure the~~  
2 ~~enforcement of local, state, and federal disability access laws. The commission shall be a policy-~~  
3 ~~making and supervisory body with all the powers provided for in Section 3.500 of this Charter.~~

4 ~~—The commission shall constitute the Abatement Appeals Board, and shall assume all~~  
5 ~~powers granted to this entity under this Charter and the San Francisco Building Code. The~~  
6 ~~commission shall appoint and may remove at its pleasure members of the Board of Examiners,~~  
7 ~~Access Appeals Board, and Code Advisory Committee, all of which shall have the powers and~~  
8 ~~duties to the extent set forth in the San Francisco Building Code.~~

9 ~~The commission shall have the power to hold hearings and hear appeals on all~~  
10 ~~decisions made by the Department of Public Works regarding permits under one or more of the~~  
11 ~~codes enumerated in this section and on sidewalk or encroachment permits. The commission may~~  
12 ~~reverse, affirm or modify determinations made by the Department of Public Works, Water~~  
13 ~~Department, or Department of Building Inspection on all permits required for a final certificate~~  
14 ~~of completion. The commission's jurisdiction under this section, however, shall not extend to~~  
15 ~~permits appealable to the Planning Commission or Board of Permit Appeals. Departmental~~  
16 ~~decisions on permits subject to commission review shall be made within the time mandates of the~~  
17 ~~state Permit Streamlining Act. Appeals of decisions must be filed with the commission within~~  
18 ~~fifteen days of the challenged determination. The commission shall act on the appeal within a~~  
19 ~~reasonable time. The commission's action shall be final.~~

20 **D3.750-35 CODE PUBLICATION ACTIONS OF COMMISSION**

21 ~~The commission shall adopt rules and regulations consistent with fulfilling its~~  
22 ~~responsibilities under this Charter. The commission shall also adopt rules and regulations~~  
23 ~~governing commission meetings and also adopt requirements for notification and mailing for~~  
24 ~~commission business. The commission shall hold public hearings on all proposed amendments to~~  
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1 ~~the San Francisco Building Code, Electrical Code, Housing Code, Plumbing Code, and~~  
2 ~~Mechanical Code.~~

3 The ~~Building Inspection~~ Commission shall have the sole authority to contract for the  
4 publication of the San Francisco Housing, Building, Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing  
5 Codes, and any amendments thereto. Other provisions of this Charter and the Administrative  
6 Code notwithstanding, the selection of a publisher shall be based on the lowest retail cost to the  
7 public of a complete set of these codes.

8 **D3.750-~~46~~ APPROVAL OF BUDGETS**

9 ~~The commission shall initially be funded out of the 1994-95 budget approved for the~~  
10 ~~Bureau of Building Inspection, and subsequent funding shall come from the budget of the~~  
11 ~~Department of Building Inspection.~~

12 The Director ~~of Building Inspection~~ shall submit a proposed department budget for each  
13 upcoming fiscal year for approval by the ~~C~~ommission. The proposed budget shall be compiled  
14 in such detail as shall be required on uniform blanks furnished by the controller. The ~~Building~~  
15 ~~Inspection~~ Commission must hold at least two public hearings on the respective budget proposal.

16 The final budget for the Department of Building Inspection must be approved by a  
17 favorable vote of at least five commissioners.

18 **D3.750-~~57~~ TECHNICAL BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

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20 **D3.750-~~68~~ SEVERABILITY**

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22  
23 Section 3. Conflicting Ballot Measures. In the event that this measure and another  
24 measure relating to the duties, composition, qualifications, and methods of appointment of  
25 members of the Building Inspection Commission appear on the same municipal election ballot,

1 the provisions of such other measure shall be deemed in conflict with this measure. In the event  
2 that this measure shall receive a greater number of affirmative votes than the other measure, the  
3 provisions of this measure shall prevail in their entirety and each and every provision of the other  
4 measure that pertains to the Building Inspection Commission shall be null and void, to the  
5 extent it pertains to the Building Inspection Commission.

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7 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
8 DAVID CHIU, City Attorney

9 By: /s/ Robb Kapla  
10 ROBB KAPLA  
11 Deputy City Attorney

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

(revised 1/31/2022)

[Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

**Describing and setting forth a proposal to the voters at an election to be held on June 7, 2022, to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

Existing Law

Charter Section 4.121 and Appendix D outline the duties, composition, and method of appointment for the Building Inspection Commission, which oversees the Department of Building Inspection (“DBI”). Under Section 4.121, Building Inspection Commission members are appointed directly to the Commission by the Mayor (four seats consisting of a structural engineer, a licensed architect, a residential builder, and a representative of non-profit housing development corporation) and the President of the Board of Supervisors (three seats consisting of a residential tenant, a residential landlord, and a member of the general public). Commissioners serve two-year terms and vacancies are filled by the appointing officer.

Unlike other Charter commissions that, pursuant to Section 4.102, must forward at least three candidates for the director position to the Mayor to make the appointment, the Building Inspection Commission has the power to appoint and remove the Director of DBI.

Under Charter Appendix D3.750-2, the Director of DBI may appoint and remove one deputy superintendent and up to two assistant superintendents that are exempt from civil service provisions of the Charter.

Many of the provisions in Appendix D pertain to the creation of DBI, formerly the Bureau of Building Inspection within Public Works, as an independent department upon enactment of Proposition G in 1994. These provisions include the initial 1994-1995 budget, identifying personnel and agencies within Public Works that would transition to DBI, and Building Inspection Commission powers, responsibilities, and procedures that are duplicative of general provisions made applicable to all departments in the 1996 Charter.

Amendments to Current Law

This Charter amendment would change the composition of the Building Inspection Commission by eliminating the requirement that each seat have a specific designated profession, background, or industry affiliation and would, as amended in Rules Committee,

mandate that at least three members (two of the four Mayoral appointments and one of the three President of the Board of Supervisors appointments) meet certain qualifications. Specifically, two of the Mayoral appointments shall have qualifications as an engineer, architect, or residential builder and one of the President's appointments shall be a residential tenant and/or work for a non-profit housing organization. And the Charter amendment, also as amended in Rules Committee, shall require that appointments emphasize inclusion of members concerned with tenant and habitability issues. The amendment would preserve the Mayor and the President of the Board of Supervisors as the nominating officers of Commission, but would make each nomination subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors within 60 days. The amendment outlines provisions to transition to the new composition of the Commission by July 1, 2023.

The amendment would remove the ability of the Commission to directly appoint the Director of DBI and would make the Commission subject to Section 4.102. Section 4.102, among several provisions, mandates that commissions provide the names of at least three qualified candidates to the Mayor for department director positions and that the Mayor makes the appointment.

The amendment also eliminates the ability of the Director to appoint one deputy superintendent and two assistant superintendents that are exempt from civil service. DBI would remain subject to Article X of the Charter, including Section 10.104 regarding appointment of civil service exempt positions.

In an effort to eliminate moot and redundant provisions resulting from the wholesale incorporation of Proposition G into Appendix D when the 1996 Charter was enacted, the amendment consolidates the Building Inspection Commission composition, duties and responsibilities into Section 4.121; explicitly incorporates Sections 4.102, 4.103, and 4.104 and deletes duplicative provisions within Appendix D; and deletes moot provisions that only pertained to the initial separation of DBI from Public Works. The amendment includes Section 3, which states that if other Charter amendments that impact the same provisions as this Charter amendment are passed by voters in the June election, the amendment with the most votes shall apply.

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Ben Rosenfield  
Controller  
Todd Rydstrom  
Deputy Controller

Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

January 21, 2022

RE: File 211286 – Charter amendment changing the power to nominate members of the Building Inspection Commission between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors,

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

Should the proposed Charter amendment be approved by the voters, in my opinion, it would have a minimal impact on the cost of government.

The Building Inspection Commission currently consists of seven members, with four appointed by the Mayor and three by the President of the Board of Supervisors. Each seat on the Commission is currently subject to specific professional qualifications. The amendment would provide instead that four members of the Commission be nominated by the Mayor and three by the President of the Board of Supervisors, with all members subject to a hearing process and approval by the Board of Supervisors. The requirement of specific professional qualifications applied to each seat would be eliminated.

Currently the Director of Building Inspection is appointed directly by the Commission. The amendment would provide instead that the Commission provide three qualified candidates to the Mayor, and the Mayor would appoint the Director.

The amendment makes other adjustments and updates to staff appointments and certain procedures of the Department of Building Inspection. These actions would have no significant cost effects and the Department of Building Inspection would remain subject to the existing budgetary and fiscal provisions of the Charter.

Sincerely,

*Ben Rosenfield*  
Ben Rosenfield  
Controller

Note: This analysis reflects our understanding of the proposal as of the date shown. At times further information is provided to us which may result in revisions being made to this analysis before the final Controller's statement appears in the Voter Information Pamphlet.

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January 27, 2022

**File No. 211286**

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On January 31, 2022, the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was amended by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

**File No. 211286 (ver3)**

**Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.**

This legislation is being re-transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

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By: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk  
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer  
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct of indirect physical change in the environment.

Feb. 4, 2022

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January 27, 2022

**File No. 211286**

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On January 26, 2022, the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was amended by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

**File No. 211286 (ver2)**

**Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.**

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By: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk  
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01/28/2022

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December 22, 2022

**File No. 211286**

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On December 14, 2021, the following proposed Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election was received and assigned to the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee:

**File No. 211286**

**Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.**

This legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Young".

By: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk  
Rules Committee

Attachment

c: Devyani Jain, Deputy Environmental Review Officer  
Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Don Lewis, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

12/21/2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joy Navarrete".

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller, Office of the Controller

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Young".

DATE: December 21, 2021

SUBJECT: CHARTER AMENDMENT INTRODUCED  
June 7, 2022 Election

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The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee has received the following Charter Amendment for the June 7, 2022, Election. This matter is being referred to you in accordance with Rules of Order 2.22.3.

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Please review and prepare a financial analysis of the proposed measure prior to the first Rules Committee hearing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (415) 554-7723 or email: victor.young@sfgov.org. To submit documentation, please email or forward to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102.

c: Todd Rydstrom, Deputy City Controller  
Peg Stevenson, City Performance Director  
Natasha Mihal, City Services Auditor

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TO: Tom Paulino, Liaison to the Board of Supervisors, Mayor's Office  
Anne Pearson, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney  
John Arntz, Director, Department of Elections  
LeeAnn Pelham, Executive Director, Ethics Commission  
Patrick O'Riordan, Interim Director, Building Inspection Department  
Sonya Harris, Commission Secretary, Building Inspection Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk, Rules Committee *Victor Young*  
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Please review and submit any reports or comments you wish to be included with the legislative file.

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c: Andres Power, Mayor's Office  
Patrick Ford, Ethics Commission  
Patty Lee, Building Inspection Department  
John Murray, Building Inspection Department

**From:** [Debra Carpenter](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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**From:** [Michelle Chan](#)  
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Sincerely,

Michelle D. Chan

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Garret Tom](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Shannon Thomson](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,

Shannon



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Sybil-Frances Kimbrig

**From:** [MAX YOUNG](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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As a voter, native San Franciscan who is invested emotionally and financially in the health of our city, father of two San Franciscans, and small business owner...

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Sincerely,  
Max Young  
415.722.6299

**From:** [Debra Walker](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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The current hodgepodge of different rules is confusing for everyone. Charter reform of all commissions should be better thought out than these poor and ill-advised proposals.

We all want reform that will make our city run efficiently and transparently. These half baked ideas are not the answer.

These charter Proposals are far from ready for real consideration.

Vote NO. The voters certainly will.

Sincerely,

Debra Walker

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jennie Lyons](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,

Jennie Lyons (D1)  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Nick Podell](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
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Sincerely,

Nick

**From:** [Grant Ingram](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,  
Grant Ingram  
106 Point Lobos Avenue San Francisco  
D1 Resident

**From:** [Yahoo](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,

Perry Klebahn  
62 5th Ave

**From:** [Mari Murayama](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sincerely,

Mari Murayama  
District 1



**From:** [Jenny Stegall](#)  
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Sent from my iPhone

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Jay Thomson

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**From:** [Billy Brandreth](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
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Billy Brandreth

**From:** [Carole Bonina](#)  
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Susan McDonough  
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Kriz  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Julie Paul](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [D2 Unite](#)  
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Sincerely,



**Julie Paul**

Founder

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**From:** [Charlton Yu](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Charlton Yu  
20 year resident of San Francisco, D2

From: [Leslie Podell](#)  
To: [Ericka\\_Arcos \(BOE\)](#) [ChenStaff \(BOE\)](#) [MandelmacStaff \(BOE\)](#) [Hancey\\_Matt \(BOE\)](#) [Mar\\_Gordon \(BOE\)](#) [MolgarStaff \(BOE\)](#) [Preston\\_Dean \(BOE\)](#) [Bonen\\_Hillary\\_Safal\\_Ahaha \(BOE\)](#) [Stefani\\_Catherine \(BOE\)](#) [Walton\\_Shannon \(BOE\)](#) [Young\\_Victor \(BOE\)](#) [lpodell@sfurture.com](mailto:lpodell@sfurture.com)  
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Leslie Podell  
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**From:** [Lanier Coles](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
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**From:** [Jennifer Hocking](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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San Francisco resident

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This is an immoral attempt to deprive patriotic Americans of their rights to control the political process. This is not some communist hellhole—though you damn democrats have certainly done your best to turn it into one.

Sincerely,

John P. Hurabiell, Sr.

*John P. Hurabiell*

259 - 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94118

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**From:** [tpmartinii@gmail.com](mailto:tpmartinii@gmail.com)  
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Supervisors,

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Sincerely,

Tevis P. Martin  
31<sup>st</sup> Ave, SF District 2

**From:** [Sara Starr](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
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Sara Starr

**From:** [Daphne Alden](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
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**From:** [CJ Faulkner](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [info@sfsun.org](mailto:info@sfsun.org); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am:

#5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]  
#6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]  
#7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]  
#8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

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Rationale for each objection:

#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.

#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

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#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall.

This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were

elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.

#8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens.

Sincerely,

**From:** [Calvin Lau](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:25:07 PM

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- Building Inspection Commission
- Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator
- Timelines for Recall Process; Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices
- Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership

I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco.

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Calvin Lau

**From:** [sfkl@aol.com](mailto:sfkl@aol.com)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
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Mrs.Norman Balfour Levin

**From:** [Jennifer Yan](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Monday, January 31, 2022 1:13:49 AM

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**From:** [Barbara Kelly](#)  
**To:** [Aron Peskin](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 12:20:25 PM

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\_\_\_\_\_ Rationale for each objection: #5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission] I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS. #6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator] I oppose this attempt to remove checks & balances in City Hall, removing power from the Mayor, who is elected by all citizens and giving it to the Supervisors who are elected by 1/11th of voters. This results in fewer citizens having a say in the direction of the city and it would permanently consolidate control for the Board of Supervisors over the voters and the executive branch in a way that has never been done before in San Francisco. #7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process] This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people. Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall. This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy. #8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership] This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Kelly

**From:** [Erika Kim](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 2:26:48 PM

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Sincerely,  
Erika Kim

**From:** [johnmburns48@yahoo.com](mailto:johnmburns48@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** ["D2Unite"](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 7:21:24 PM

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Sincerely,

John and Usha Burns  
3618 Sacramento St  
SF 94118

**From:** [Gabriel Goffman](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Good government.  
**Date:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:02:07 PM

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*I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment. I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. These reforms are long overdue. Split appointments are a good way to provide checks and balances and strengthen local democracy here in San Francisco.*

*Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.*  
Gabe Goffman  
D2

**From:** [Chaz -](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Good Government Charter Amendment // Item 6, File No. 211285: Support  
**Date:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:51:56 PM

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Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1

**From:** [Judi Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)  
**Cc:** [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments re: File #211285 - Rules Committee Hearing Monday, January 24, 2022  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:35:30 AM

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***Item 6, File No. 211285: Support***

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*Sincerely,  
Judi Gorski  
SF Resident D4*



**From:** [Mike Regan](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Mike Regan  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:51:28 AM

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My name is **Mike Regan**  
My email address is **myoldgoat@yahoo.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Regan

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**From:** [S garrett](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from S garrett  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:29:30 PM

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My name is **S garrett**  
My email address is **shigar16@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

S garrett

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**From:** [Stephen Gorski](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Stephen Gorski  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:45:47 PM

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My name is **Stephen Gorski**  
My email address is **sjgorskilaw@gmail.com**

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Stephen Gorski

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**From:** [Roberta Borgonovo](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Roberta Borgonovo](#)  
**Subject:** Item 6, File No. 211285  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:12:54 PM

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## **Item 6, File No. 211285: Oppose**

In regards to [File No. 211285](#), Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment, I strongly oppose splitting appointments to a variety of unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

I do not believe dispersal of power is good government. San Francisco already is a difficult city to govern. Further diminishing the Mayor's ability to appoint members of these boards will make it more difficult to assign responsibility for making good decisions about many of our most difficult problems confronting San Francisco.

I urge you to vote **NO** to this proposal.

Thank you.

Roberta Borgonovo

2480 Union Street

San Francisco, CA 94123

**From:** [Karen Knuth](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Karen Knuth  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:13:15 PM

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My name is **Karen Knuth**  
My email address is **kpuechner@msn.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment.

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Knuth

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**From:** [Nelson Knuth](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Nelson Knuth  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:14:06 PM

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My name is **Nelson Knuth**  
My email address is **nknuth@hcmcommercial.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Knuth

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**From:** [Teresa Durling](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Teresa Durling  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:35:34 PM

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My name is **Teresa Durling**  
My email address is **[tadurling@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tadurling@sbcglobal.net)**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Durling

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**From:** [Rosemary Newton](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Rosemary Newton  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:27:34 PM

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My name is **Rosemary Newton**  
My email address is **rosenewton@comcast.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Newton

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**From:** [Janev Dunlap](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Janev Dunlap  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:35:07 PM

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My name is **Janev Dunlap**  
My email address is **jc\_dunlap@hotmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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**From:** [Madison Clell](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Madison Clell  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:52:27 PM

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My name is **Madison Clell**  
My email address is **madisoncuckoo@yahoo.com**

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Madison Clell

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**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Ignacio Orellana Garcia  
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**From:** [lauren pierik](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:21:18 PM

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Lauren Pierik

**From:** [Noelle Song](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Noelle Song  
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My email address is **noellesong008@gmail.com**

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**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Lola Lee  
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**From:** [tesw@aol.com](mailto:tesw@aol.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:20:26 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission. The BIC has itself included members who have used their positions to break Building Dept. rules, to their own and their friends benefit.

Furthermore, the Building Dept. has been rife with corruption, as illustrated in numerous media news stories, and has also been poorly run. I even heard that staff in Building and Planning departments' desks were reduced in size to accommodate Mr. Nuru's 'penthouse' - so small that staff can't easily roll out full building plans on desk top!

Despite City Attorney's clearing DBI of all charges, the corruption is still there.

Please support Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission, and strengthen it.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn  
D5

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

**From:** [tesw@aol.com](mailto:tesw@aol.com)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Monday: Proposed "Good Government" Charter Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:32:18 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed "Good Government" Charter Amendment.

It is time to correct the many overly "strong mayor" aspects of the San Francisco Charter. Clarifying the role of the City Administrator is needed, particularly after the resignation during corruption investigations. Splitting the boards and commissions of many bodies can allow more fruitful discussions.

I commend the sponsors of this amendment.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn

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**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Monday: Proposed Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices Charter Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:50:38 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Recall and Replacement of elected officials Charter Amendment.

California, and mainly other western states, have **three tools of direct democracy** that allow a majority of ordinary citizens to directly make or change law and to recall elected officials. The **Recall** allows CA voters to remove from office any statewide elected official at any time, and for any reason. A recall must provide signatures from registered voters equaling at least 12% of the total number of ballots cast in that elected official's last election.

These three California ideas came into being in 1911 because of the railroad control of business and government and corruption, thinking that voters could override business interests and bought politicians. State Recalls require signatures of at least 12% of the vote in the last election of that official, along with at least 1% of votes in five or more counties.

This legislation sets time limits on recalls, so that officials recently elected, or soon to be facing a re-election can focus on the job for which they were elected.

Another aspect is setting a new standard for how vacancies will be filled, rather than by the Mayor. Few cities or other governing bodies have vacancies filled by the Mayor or equivalent. These are elected offices, not gifts to be bestowed on favorites or used for succession planning.

Why Make Recall More Difficult? It's expensive. It could be called an excess of democracy, and undermine the independence of elected officials. It can be abused. More recalls are organized by business than by ordinary citizens, and often with less than a year before the next election. No special grounds for recall are required in most states. In SF, recalls can place even more power in the hands of the Mayor. The school board issues appear to be matters of policy, not rising to criminal acts.

I suggest that you consider adding:

1. Increasing the threshold of signatures for a recall. It is unreasonable that someone could be recalled and another elected with fewer votes than the incumbent had received. Other states with recall provisions require a higher percentage of voters signing on, and/or some gross violation of power or law, such as bribery or murder.

2. Change the time limit for signature gathering.

3. Make the official's subordinate take the position until election is due – for example, Governor is recalled, then Lieutenant Governor automatically becomes Governor. Alternately, if a board or commission, have them select a replacement, much as stated in the

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**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Doug McKirahan  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:55:22 PM

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My email address is **ratt57@pacbell.net**

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**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment- Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:12:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please oppose this Proposed Charter Amendment- Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.

This proposed amendment would eliminate much of the Planning Commission and the supervisors' authority over any housing development of more than 25 units, provided:

To be eligible, a project would need to set aside a percentage of units on-site as affordable to households earning no more than 140% of AMI, in an amount higher than what is otherwise required by the Planning Code, or provide 100% affordable housing. So a project that offers one more unit than the current legal requirement to people [making \\$149,000 for a family of two and \\$186,000 for a family of four](#), would be approved with no review at all. That's not exactly "affordable housing."

According to the 2015-2019 Census, in 2019 dollars, Median Income in San Francisco is \$68,883. Median Household Income is \$112,449. 10% of San Franciscans live below the out-of-date federal poverty line.

I would also point out that putting exact numbers into the charter, which is difficult to change, is not a good idea. San Francisco's economy and local incomes have gone up and down, and in the climate emergency, are more likely to go down.

This legislation is a gift to developers, not a benefit to city residents.

Instead, consider the model of Streamlining Affordable Housing that was done for City and School Board-owned land. That's 100% affordable.

Cordially,

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**From:** [Gloria Maciejewski](#)  
**To:** [Li-D9, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Haneystaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** No Charters / No Recalls!  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 8:37:05 AM

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Dear Ms. Ronen and Honorable Supervisors,

I plan on attending the Rules Committee meeting this morning and I want to express my concern for two issues. I am strongly against Mayor Breed's proposed charter amendment and in strong support of Supervisor Peskin's Recall Reform.

The recall of our school board is not unique. Similar situations are arising across the nation. Steve Bannon has been quoted as saying the right-wing should "start with the school boards" to build their strength in order to take back the house in the midterms. We see this strategy has already worked for Glenn Youngkin, who made education a primary point in his platform.

I have worked in this city for SFUSD since 1997. I have two children in public schools. I obviously have a lot of feelings about what is happening now during the pandemic and more acutely, during this latest surge.

To put it simply, the SFUSD needs more help in its finances. Our district has forever been treated like the unwanted stepchild of the so-called "City Family". The fact that our SF DPH did not appear at one of our BOE meetings is shocking to me. The Mayor suing our district to "open faster" or to make a plan as the district tried to muddle through was purely outrageous. Well, we opened and welcomed our students back. Yet here we are with a million-dollar recall and a proposal for charter schools. The recall, as I am sure you all must know, is funded HEAVILY by charter school privatizer, Arthur Rock. This is a template he has used in Oakland. I am literally sickened at the idea of closing public schools, which need our city to step up and help, to replace them with charter schools.

**I urge all of you to strongly REJECT Mayor Breed's charter school proposal.**

I also write today to also **thank Mr. Peskin** for his mindful and apid attention to the disturbing and disingenuous recall that is seizing our city currently.

I have been watching the entire process unfold and it is disgusting to see parent grief and frustration over school closure being leveraged to bring charter schools into our city. I feel that the school board recall, if successful in SF, will be used as an example nationally. I am very disappointed at my own supervisor for chiming in to support the recall.

Keep in mind that our schools are in crisis RIGHT NOW during the Omicron surge because solid health and safety measures, many brought to the table by UESF and OUR BOE, were dismissed by folks such as Jenny Lam and our school's chief financial officer, as being "unnecessary" and even "unscientific". I found in the fall that 1/3 of our teacher-librarians still did not have portable air cleaners. The "have and have not" inequity that always existed

between schools with robust PTA funding versus those without became even starker and indeed, I would argue even more deadly and damaging to the health of our students and staff?

There is major gaslighting going on across our nation and here in San Francisco. I was briefly a member of Decrease the Distance (now under the insulting name of SF Parents, as if they speak for me) I do **NOT** subscribe to the same ideas expressed in COVID19 denialism that we should just "let everyone get Omicron" or the lie that children simply do not carry and transmit the virus in the school setting (I have seen it) or that every case is "mild"?

Preposterous.

We are seeing more children hospitalized for this disease and we know really **NOTHING** about how the long-term health implications will play out, other than it is likely we will see our families of color suffer the most, yet again. We need to protect our kids and workers, yet the city just does not seem 100% committed to funding that need. As great a job as we have done with COVID19 as a city, I wish we could come together and support the district better. It should not be such a struggle to get the rapid tests, upgraded masks, etc.

Unfortunately, the parents wanting to reopen quicker, seem to want it at any cost, even with unprepared buildings and facilities and unvaccinated staff and students. Recalling our BOE in this manner (with money from billionaire dead set on charter school) is disgraceful.

**Please, I urge you all to support Mr. Peskin's proposal and seek out even further ways to adjust or entirely eliminate this recall process.** Our city should not be footing the bill for such political manoeuvring and undermining of our basic democratic elections. I have seen in Twitter already proposals for removing the Board of Supervisors in this manner. The fight against the recall of our DA will be the fight of a lifetime, I fear.

Please reject recalls and support the democratic process!

Thank you and good day,  
Gloria Maciejewski  
Parent, Educator, and Resident of D9  
[glowglow9@gmail.com](mailto:glowglow9@gmail.com)  
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**From:** [Marianne Hesse](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 8:58:29 AM

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**From:** [Allyson Eddy Bravmann](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Children's Agency charter amendment  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 12:03:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a SFUSD middle school parent and a member of PEEF CAC. This measure has not been brought before the CAC to review for its potential impact on students, just as the recent budget cuts were not brought before us. Was the PEEF office invited to the Rules Committee today to speak on how the charter amendment would impact student services? The CAC had two meetings in January so there was no shortage of opportunity for the mayor or the BOS to have conversation with us.

It is true that the CAC has requested additional reporting but that reporting has to come from the budget office and superintendent's staff, not from the Board of Education. Denying PEEF funds because the mayor or the BOS have a policy disagreement with the Board of Education would mean denying everything from nurses to librarians to PE uniforms to students. PEEF is unique and precious in providing funds to our public school students for these programs, and it would be heartless to even threaten to withhold them from students because the grownups can't get along.

I ask that before moving this measure forward, please come to PEEF CAC and listen to the members who have been reviewing these programs and working with students.

Thank you,  
Allyson Eddy Bravmann

**From:** [Jamie Kendall](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Kendall

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**From:** [Kat Regan](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kat Regan  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:50:20 PM

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My name is **Kat Regan**  
My email address is **meemom@gmail.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kat Regan

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**From:** [Douglas Churchill](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Douglas Churchill  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:26:04 AM

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My name is **Douglas Churchill**  
My email address is **troutpi@comcast.net**

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Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Churchill

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**From:** [Susan Turley](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Turley  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:30:08 AM

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My name is **Susan Turley**  
My email address is **seturley@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Turley

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**From:** [Kathy Crabe](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kathy Crabe  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:09:35 AM

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My name is **Kathy Crabe**  
My email address is **tallyhoagogo@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Crabe

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**From:** [zrants](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)  
**Subject:** Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:58:52 AM

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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

We totally support Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment to bring better accountability to the leadership at City Hall. It is really important for us to spread the balance of power at the top and appointments are a good place to start.

Please consider adding legislation that limits the number of positions all appointees, employees and staff may hold at any one time? The overlapping authorities with board and commission members sitting on oversight committees of their own departments, committees and commissions have created opportunities for the corruption exposed by State and Federal authorities that have turned San Francisco into a hotbed of political scandals.

We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

As the supervisors know and the citizens are reminding you, the current system is broken. We need to rebalance the power at City Hall and give more citizens an opportunity to take on the responsibility for determining the city policies and priorities, that have been allowed to replace the legislative process in some departments. This removes the public voice and adds to frustration and animosity among the citizenry.

Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen  
with EMIA and CSFN  
[zrants@gmail.com](mailto:zrants@gmail.com)



**From:** [Erick Arguello](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [asha.safai@sfgov.org](mailto:asha.safai@sfgov.org); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File #211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:53:12 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Oppose Charter Amendment01252022.pdf](#)

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Please find an attached letter of opposition to the proposed Charter Amendment.

Thank you,

Erick

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Erick Arguello  
Founder, Council President  
Calle 24 Latino Cultural District  
3250 24th St.  
San Francisco, Ca 94110  
[www.calle24sf.org](http://www.calle24sf.org)





January 25, 2022

Board of Supervisors  
President, Shamann Walton  
Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Calle 24 Latino Cultural District strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed charter amendment "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for our working class BIPOC families to live in San Francisco and undermines the goals, protections and vision for Cultural Districts. Truly affordable housing is key to maintaining communities intact and thriving.

The median income for a working-class family in the Mission is under \$50,000, which for a family of four falls below 40% AMI. The greatest need for our community is for housing between 30-50% AMI for families, and below 40% AMI for individuals. This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle-income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers,"(1) but our firefighters don't make nearly the stated money, and a teacher in the SFUSD (2) may never see the stated high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. In reality, most of these salaries fall below 80% AMI.

(1) <https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/fire-fighter-salary/san-francisco-ca>

(2) <https://uesf.org/members/2017-2020-contract/>

Our BIPOC communities have been the hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic largely because of the lack of truly affordable housing. Our families live in SRO rooms, 2-3 families in an apartment, in RVs, cars, and other communal living situations that have allowed COVID-19 to spread rapidly through these communal households.

As a result of the vast deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the new affordable housing units that have been built. Promotoras and organizations are signing up record numbers of families, but ultimately many are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because the odds of finding housing that is affordable to them are devastatingly slim.

The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to the ongoing displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy. Currently, the City of San Francisco already streamlines affordable housing, so this measure is truly no more than an effort to cloak market rate housing in the language of affordability, and undermine the self-determination of the communities of color that have long fought for truly affordable housing.

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD, the affordable rent for a

one bedroom 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. With the average median rent for a 1-bedroom apartment in San Francisco currently at \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings), the **measure before you is clearly for housing that is even costlier than today's market rate.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our communities and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, whose projects effectively disenfranchise our working class BIPOC families and exacerbate displacement. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it disenfranchises our working class BIPOC families by prohibiting them from representing the concerns and needs of their communities before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity, truly community-serving ground floor uses, affordability, and to oppose gentrification and displacement.

We urge you to reject this ill-conceived proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence the voices of working class BIPOC families, to accelerate gentrification and displacement, and to extinguish the self-determination of our communities.

To truly build affordable housing with an equitable community plan it is imperative that the voices of BIPOC communities, who are the most adversely affected, are at the table to lead by their lived experiences. We would be happy to be at the table to lead those discussions.

Sincerely,



Erick Arguello  
President and Founder  
Calle 24 Latino Cultural District

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors  
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo

**From:** [Raquel Redondiez](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [David Woo](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File # 211289 "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing"  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 8:55:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [Opposing Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing Charter Amendment\\_SOMA Pilipinas.pdf](#)

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Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

SOMA Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage Districts strongly opposes the proposed charter amendment titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" (File # 211289). We urge the Board of Supervisors to join with community based organizations and reject the proposed charter amendment.

This charter amendment is extremely misleading in its naming and does nothing to support affordable housing. Instead, this amendment appears to undermine existing affordable housing programs, such as the inclusionary housing program, and creates unaffordable housing that simply benefits private developers of market-rate housing.

By redefining "affordable housing" as 140% AMI, this charter amendment clearly shows that the proposed changes have nothing to do with actually creating affordable units. Currently, a 1-Bedroom "affordable" unit at 140% AMI, as defined by MOHCD, would cost \$3,729 per month. That is not affordable, and is even above the current market-rate value of a 1-bedroom apartment of \$2,850 per month according to Zumper as of January 2022. This charter amendment, in effect, creates the streamlining of 100% market-rate housing, pretending to be an "affordable" housing amendment. The "increased affordability housing projects" named in the amendment are also misleading in naming, as they barely provide an increase, and they provide the same 140% AMI unaffordable units.

The use of language surrounding "affordability" and "affordable housing" is being twisted in order to promote market-rate development that our communities do not need. In the South of Market, we need truly affordable housing, not more market-rate housing that causes increased gentrification and displacement. Working-class and low-income residents, families, and seniors (especially seniors on fixed income) need housing that ranges from 10-90% AMI. Our houseless neighbors need supportive housing. That is the actual affordable housing that is needed.

We ask the Supervisors to stand with us in rejecting this harmful charter amendment.

Sincerely,

Raquel Redondiez

Director, SOMA Pilipinas

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**Raquel R. Redondiez**  
SOMA Pilipinas Director  
*Filipino Cultural Heritage District*  
Filipino-American Development Foundation





January 24th, 2022  
Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl  
San Francisco, CA, 94102

Re: File # 211289 “Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing”

Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

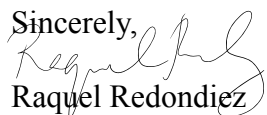
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Sincerely,  
  
Raquel Redondiez  
Director, SOMA Pilipinas

**From:** [Molly Goldberg](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 7:49:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [2022-1-24 SFADC Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Please see the San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition's attached letter of opposition to the proposed charter amendment (File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing") on the agenda in Rules Committee today.

Thank you,

Molly Goldberg  
Director, San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition  
SFADC.org



January 24, 2022

Board of Supervisors  
President, Shamann Walton  
Chair Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition asks that you reject File # 211289, a misleadingly named measure that would lead to displacement of the communities that have long advocated for the genuinely affordable housing our city needs. Representing

The "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" charter amendment would actually streamline approvals for 100% market rate (unaffordable) housing projects, allowing developers to bypass the local programs that currently require affordable units to be built and to bypass input from the communities most likely to be displaced by the addition of luxury units to their neighborhoods.

If the Board approves this measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). While advertised as a necessary intervention to provide middle-income for teachers, firefighters, and nurses, workers in these sectors do not make nearly enough money to qualify for a 140% AMI unit. Further, a 1-bedroom apartment at 140% AMI is currently \$3,729 per month, not just unaffordable but also nearly \$1,000/month *above* market rate.

In order to protect this developer free-for all, the measure also limits public input and makes it impossible for the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to either represent the needs of communities and hold developers accountable, or provide a venue for communities to be able to represent themselves and advocate for equity and affordability and against gentrification and displacement. There is no need for this measure to be a charter amendment, except to diminish the voice and power of the parts of city government that might question the impacts that market rate development have on San Francisco residents.

We urge you to reject this charter amendment outright because instead of providing affordable housing, it silences communities, transfers power to developers, and undermines the very meaning of affordable. Please reject this deceptive charter amendment proposal when it comes before you at the Rules Committee.

Respectfully,

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition  
SFADC.org



**From:** [Francisco Herrera](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent: Opposition to file # 211289 - anti-affordable housing legislation  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:57:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [LTF Street Needs Assessment Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Chair Peskin and the Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from the Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee regarding our opposition to **File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**.

Thank you.

Francisco Herrera  
Latino Task Force  
Co-Chair, Street Needs Assessment Committee

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23 January 2022  
Board of Supervisors  
President, Shamann Walton  
Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee strongly urges that the Board of Supervisors reject this proposed charter amendment for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for families of middle or low income to be able to live in San Francisco. The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy.

The LTF Street Needs Assessment Committee currently works to assess the needs of our families and individuals living on the street, in their cars and in RVs, as a result of the scarcity of housing that is affordable to them. **We continually bring the feedback in our advocacy that the greatest need is for housing below 50% AMI and that housing defined as "affordable" that exceeds 80% AMI is completely out of the reach of our community.** In addition to those living outside, there are hundreds of families living 2-3 families per apartment and families living in SROs, which has been a major contributor to the Latinx community being the hardest hit by COVID-19.

**This proposed charter amendment does not serve the Latinx community.**

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD<sup>1</sup>, the affordable rent for a 1-BR 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. The average market rent<sup>2</sup> for a 1-BR apartment in San Francisco is currently \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings). This means that the measure before you will streamline 100% market rate housing while masquerading as a measure that provides "affordable" housing.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-RentLimits-HMFA.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.zumper.com/rent-research/san-francisco-ca>

As a result of the deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the proportionately small number of units that have been recently built in the Mission. As an example, **when “La Fénix” at 1950 Mission Street opened for DAHLIA applications, more than nine thousand applicants applied for the 115 units available.** According to MOHCD documentation,<sup>3</sup> 140% AMI means \$130,000/yr for a single person and \$186,500/yr for a family of four. In whose mind can this be considered affordable housing? The average income for a family of four in our community is less than half of that amount. Our families fall within the 30% - 50% of AMI levels.

This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers." It also mentions "service sector employers", etc. You can already see how the campaign will be spun, claiming to provide affordable housing for workers in all these professions and sectors. Unfortunately, however, a firefighter<sup>4</sup> doesn't make nearly this much money, and a teacher in the SFUSD<sup>5</sup> may never see this high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. The majority of the working people mentioned make \$50,000 - 90,000 a year and others make as low as \$35,000. It is a betrayal to insinuate that 140% AMI is affordable and if you can't afford it you can't live here.

Ultimately, so many members of the Latinx community are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because odds against them finding truly affordable housing are so great. As we tend to people forced to live on the street, families in their cars and RVs, renting a couch space in congregate living, **we find these types of policies are creating the very houseless crisis we are trying to resolve.** Market rate developments in the Mission have driven displacement while providing few units that are affordable to our families, and **gentrification continues to accelerate as high-end income earners move into San Francisco and drive up AMIs.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our community and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, further seeking to disenfranchise our families. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it prohibits our community from being able to organize to demand housing that serves the needs of our residents, to demand ground level uses that are truly community-serving, and to demand open space that's accessible and promotes our health and well-being. It also allows developers to take any density bonuses that desire to feed their bottom line, regardless of the impacts their developments have on our community and the harms they create for our struggling families who are vulnerable to displacement.

This proposed measure is a clear attempt to disenfranchise communities of color and would prohibit our residents from representing the concerns and needs of our community before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity and affordability and against gentrification and displacement.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-IncomeLimits-HMFA.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/fire-fighter-salary/san-francisco-ca>

<sup>5</sup> <https://uesf.org/members/2017-2020-contract/>

**We urge you to reject this proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence Latinx voices and silence the self-determination of our community.**

Respectfully,

The Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors  
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo  
Legislative Aides of the Board of Supervisors

**From:** [factory 1 design](#)  
**To:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** USM opposition to File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:12:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [USM Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment .pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Chair Peskin and the Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from United to Save the Mission regarding our opposition to File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.

Thank you.

Larisa Pedroncelli  
member, United to Save the Mission



22 January 2022  
 Board of Supervisors  
 President, Shamann Walton  
 Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair  
 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett  
 San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

United to Save the Mission strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed charter amendment "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for our working class BIPOC families to live in San Francisco.

The median income for a working class family in the Mission is under \$50,000, which for a family of four falls below 40% AMI. The greatest need for our community is for housing between 30-50% AMI for families, and below 40% AMI for individuals. This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers," but our firefighters<sup>1</sup> don't make nearly this much money, and a teacher in the SFUSD<sup>2</sup> may never see this high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. In reality, most of these salaries fall below 80% AMI.

Our BIPOC communities have been the hardest hit during the COVID-19 pandemic largely because of the lack of truly affordable housing. Our families live in SRO rooms, 2-3 families in an apartment, in RVs, cars, and other communal living situations that have allowed COVID-19 to spread rapidly through these communal households.

As a result of the vast deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the new affordable housing units that have been built. Promotoras and organizations are signing up record numbers of families, but ultimately many are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because the odds of finding housing that is affordable to them are devastatingly slim.

The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to the ongoing displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy. Currently, the City of San Francisco already streamlines affordable housing, so this measure is truly no more than an effort to cloak market rate housing in the language of

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.salary.com/research/salary/benchmark/fire-fighter-salary/san-francisco-ca>

<sup>2</sup> <https://uesf.org/members/2017-2020-contract/>

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affordability, and undermine the self-determination of the communities of color that have long fought for truly affordable housing.

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD<sup>3</sup>, the affordable rent for a one bedroom 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. With the current average median rent<sup>4</sup> for a 1 bedroom apartment in San Francisco currently being \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings), the **measure before you is clearly for housing that is even higher than today's market rate.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our communities and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, whose projects effectively disenfranchise our working class BIPOC families and exacerbate displacement. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it disenfranchises our working class BIPOC families by prohibiting them from representing the concerns and needs of their communities before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity, truly community-serving ground floor uses, affordability, and to oppose gentrification and displacement.

We urge you to reject this proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence the voices of working class BIPOC families, to accelerate gentrification and displacement, and to extinguish the self-determination of our communities.

Sincerely,

United to Save the Mission

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors  
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<sup>3</sup> <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-RentLimits-HMFA.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.zumper.com/rent-research/san-francisco-ca>

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**Second Reading — Agenda Item #3, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions**

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I have reviewed the Legislative File version 2 of this proposed Charter Amendment.

Although I fully supported Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors when it was introduced and debated during the Rules Committee hearing on January 24 (continued to January 26 due to the damaged fiberoptic cable that disabled SFGOV-TV), I have changed my support of this legislation.

Unless and until the two amendments to the legislation I suggested are incorporated into this Charter Amendment, I no longer support it, and will actively oppose it. My two suggestions were:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

As the Rules Committee heard on January 26, many other San Franciscans providing public comment voiced similar concerns and support that term limits **must** be added to this Charter Amendment.

The time to make these changes is when the Charter is opened for the June 2022 election, not much later down the road when you'd need to re-open the Charter again.

It is painful to withdraw my support, but I can't in good faith support this Charter Amendment without these two amendments to the legislation put before the voters.

**Please place this additional testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**Second Reading — Agenda Item #5, Board File 211288: Charter Amendment, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Retirement Board Membership**

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Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

As you know, the January 24 Rules Committee hearing on this proposed Charter Amendment was continued to January 26 due to the damaged fiberoptic cable that disabled SFGOV-TV part way through your January 24 meeting.

Although I appreciated Rules Committee Chairperson Peskin's remarks on Wednesday, January 26 when he complimented my public testimony saying I had raised a "*valid point*" about the inequity that 56,529 (86.7%) of all City employees and retirees — derisively called "miscellaneous" employees contemptuously — do not have equity via an elected seat on SFERS' Board of Trustees, Peskin's compliment does not change my position opposing this Charter Amendment.

Presumably, this proposed Charter change to the appointing authority to SFERS' Board of Trustees may be designed, in part, to obtain a Trustee who may be more inclined or open to helping SFERS divest from its fossil fuel portfolio. Two things are well known:

1. Former SFERS' Trustee Wendy Paskin-Jordan who had been appointed to SFERS' Board by then-Mayor Ed Lee was quite fond of reminding everyone of her friendship and professional relationship with Jeremy Grantham, and she kept assuring everyone that Grantham opposed divesting from fossil fuel investments.
2. The current three elected members of SFERS' Board who are all Public Safety members — Brian Stansbury, Joe Driscoll, and Croce "Al" Casciato — who now monopolize all three elected seats on SFERS' Board had vigorously waged an election campaign in 2016 to 2017 against then elected-Trustee Herb Meiberger to unseat him, falsely claiming Meiberger's opposition to both hedge funds and fossil fuel investments were harming retiree's pensions. That was a lie then, and it isn't true now. The 2016 election campaign was reportedly supported heavily by Local 21 and the building and construction trades unions that vigorously backed Supervisor Asha Safai, who was recently elected as Vice President of SFERS' Board.

As you must surely know, for the period ending June 30, 2021 the market-rate valuation of San Francisco's Retirement System portfolio jumped by a 30.6% return on its overall investment portfolio to a record-setting \$34.5 billion valuation. That stellar performance will potentially lower both the amount of City contributions (in millions!) to support the Retirement Fund in 2022 and beyond, and also potentially reduce the share of contributions current City employees pay in to fund the pensions of City retirees and their own eventual pensions.

Unfortunately, SFERS's massive gains did **not** include high returns from either its fossil fuel or hedge fund investments, both of which continue to either drag down the overall performance of the Retirement Fund, or contribute to missed investment opportunities that might yield higher ROI. We all know that SFERS' fossil fuel investments not only contribute to global warming, we know that the fossil fuel investments are rapidly becoming "*stranded assets*" that lose market share each passing day SFERS holds on to them.

As currently written, I *still* do not support Board File #211288, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Melgar, and Chan to require that the Retirement Board divest from all of

it's fossil fuel investments, and that one of the two seats that the Mayor appoints to the Retirement Board be appointed instead by the Board of Supervisors.

As I noted, this Charter change legislation requires, at minimum, four substantial amendments:

1. Reduce the terms of service for the three appointed Trustees to three years, rather than five years.
2. Introduce term limits of each of the appointed members of the Retirement Board be for a maximum of two terms.
3. Although this Charter change would be opened to the electorate to expand appointing authority of appointments to the 11-member Board of Supervisors for *appointed* seats on SFERS' Board, it completely ignores that current and retired "miscellaneous" employees are still denied parity of *elected* members to SFERS' Board.
4. Eventually, 20 California counties formed the *State Association of County Retirement Systems* (SACRS), adopting provisions of the *1937 County Employees Retirement Law* (the *1937 Act Counties*). This proposed Charter change must include a provision that the City and County of San Francisco be required to join and become a member of SACRS, and adopt SACRS's elected-member equity ratio policy between public safety- vs. "miscellaneous"-employees elected from their separate ranks and seated in their defined seats on their Retirement System Board of Trustees.

None of these four recommendations should require a meet-and-confer process with the City's labor unions.

As I testified on January 26, after 84 years it's way past time for the Board of Supervisors to introduce a Charter change to grant parity (equity) to City employees on par with the 20 counties covered by the *1937 Act Counties* — by requiring a one-member Miscellaneous seat on SFERS' board (opened to election to only Miscellaneous current and retired members), a one-member Public Safety seat, (opened to election to only Public Safety current and retired members), and one Retiree seat (opened to election to both Miscellaneous and Public Safety Retirees) but restricted only to election of a *non*-Public Safety retiree. |

By changing how elections are held for the three elected seats to SFERS' Board, you may, however unintentionally, gain a "miscellaneous" member elected to the Retirement Board dedicated to helping advance fossil fuel divestments. It may be as simple as that.

And getting Supervisor Safai replaced on SFERS' Trustee Board may help hasten fossil fuel divestment, too, like his predecessor, former-Supervisor John Avalos, who had advocated strenuously to divest from fossil fuels while on the Board.

Unless you amend this Charter change legislation, I recommend the Rules Committee not pass this Charter Amendment or forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot. Instead, the Rules Committee should send a firm recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors opposing this Charter Amendment.

The Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors have a limited window to fix this injustice. Don't blow this chance! Fix this Charter change, while you have this opportunity.

**Please place this additional testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211288.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**Subject:** I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
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Melissa Abbe

**From:** [Aleksy Klochkov](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR DistrictOne](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 9:59:19 AM

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Aleksey Klochkov  
San Francisco, CA 94121

**From:** [Mari Murayama](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 10:00:26 AM

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Mari Murayama  
District 1

**From:** [Sarah Cahuas](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 10:01:01 AM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Marie Hurabiell](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [SOAR-D1](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
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**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
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Shannon Molloy, Broker  
415.240.9911  
DRE 01267894

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Grace Huey](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
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Resident of D1

**From:** [Julie Paul](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, JBOS](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [hello@d2unite.com](mailto:hello@d2unite.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 7:59:34 PM

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Julie Paul

Resident of San Francisco for 20+ years

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Leslie Podell](#)  
To: [Evelyn Aceves \(BOE\)](#); [CharaStaff \(BOE\)](#); [Mandamastaff \(BOE\)](#); [Ireney Mail \(BOE\)](#); [Mar. Gordon \(BOE\)](#); [MolqueStaff \(BOE\)](#); [Proctor, Dean \(BOE\)](#); [Borow, Hillary](#); [Safai, Abaha \(BOE\)](#); [Stokari, Catherine \(BOE\)](#); [Wallon, Sherman \(BOE\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOE\)](#); [leslie@sfunita.com](#)  
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288  
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**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 7:58:31 AM

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Constance Fitzgerald  
3rd generation San Franciscan

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Resident of San Francisco for 20+ years

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**From:** [seaward94133](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support 4 good gov. CHARTER ADMEND  
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I support supervisor Connie Chan's  
Good government Charter Amendment.

Fairness and democracy require passage of this amendment.

Steve Ward  
Second generation SF lifer  
Voter Activst

**From:** [Stacie Johnson](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Breed, Mayor London \(MYR\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Saturday, January 22, 2022 11:58:32 AM

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Kelly Vinther Vercellino

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Peter Kwan](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:12:00 AM

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**From:** [Garry Tan](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:34:29 PM

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**From:** [Richard Leider](#)  
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**Cc:** [Richard Leider](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:29:15 AM

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**From:** [Eileen Sullivan](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:36:00 AM

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Eileen Sullivan  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Simpson, Paul](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [matthaney@sfgov.org](mailto:matthaney@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Longtime SF Residents Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 8:51:18 AM

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Paul & Marie Siimpson  
415-672-1132

**From:** [Jan Diamond](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO today!  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:26:36 AM

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**From:** [Jan Diamond](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO today!  
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**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 9:49:05 AM

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**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 12:32:41 PM

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**From:** zrants <zrants@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:53:34 AM  
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**Subject:** Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

We totally support Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment to bring better accountability to the leadership at City Hall. It is really important for us to spread the balance of power at the top and appointments are a good place to start.

Please consider adding legislation that limits the number of positions all appointees, employees and staff may hold at any one time? The overlapping authorities with board and commission members sitting on oversight committees of their own departments, committees and commissions have created opportunities for the corruption exposed by State and Federal authorities that have turned San Francisco into a hotbed of political scandals.

We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

As the supervisors know and the citizens are reminding you, the current system is broken. We need to rebalance the power at City Hall and give more citizens an opportunity to take on the responsibility for determining the city policies and priorities, that have been allowed to replace the legislative process in some departments. This removes the public voice and adds to frustration and animosity among the citizenry.

Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen  
with EMIA and CSFN  
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**From:** [Jody Altman](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 26, 2022 10:20:43 PM

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- #5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]
- #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
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Rationale for each objection:

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Sincerely,

January 22, 2022

The Honorable Aaron Peskin  
Chair, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors  
235 City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File No. 211287 Proposed Charter Amendment to Fill Vacancies in Elected Offices;  
Timelines for Recall Process

Dear Supervisor Peskin:

In lieu of orally testifying at today's delayed meeting, I am writing to urge that the Rules Committee reject this proposed charter amendment or that you reconsider and withdraw it.

This proposed charter amendment is a restraint on democracy and dissent which, if implemented, will place office holders above and beyond the voice of the voters and lead to chaos and further distrust of government.

The proposed charter amendment appears to be more protective of office holders than responsive to the tens of thousands of San Franciscans who elected them. It is the wrong response to the over 80,000 San Francisco voters who, after having been frustrated, demonized and shut off by members of the School Board, have followed the legal process to seek a citywide recall vote on February 15. Hear them, don't fear them!

The recall provisions have been enshrined in the California Constitution since 1911. They have been used sparingly. We have not had a local recall vote since 1983. At that time, the San Francisco Democratic Club, Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council, San Franciscans for Public Power and other truly progressive groups wrote, "The Recall Process is a vital part of our electoral system. It ensures that public officials are held accountable. Characterization of a recall as unfair – or of the 35,000 signers as an irresponsible fringe element – by opponents reveals their contempt for the democratic process." Leaders of the LGBT community and other members of Citizens for a New Mayor stated, "The issue is not the recall process – which is our democratic right. The issue is accountability and four years of broken promises." The Stonewall Democratic Club echoed similar sentiments.

The proposed charter amendment shields an elected official from recall for over half their term of office. Meanwhile, they can engage in non-criminal misconduct, be abusive to their colleagues or the public or take other missteps with no voter recourse. Imposing such a limited time period for petition gathering will force recall proponents to completely resort to paid signature gatherers, something that the authors presumably criticize the current system for.



The proposed charter amendment's process to replace a recalled incumbent (if that is even possible under the proposed scheme) is perhaps an even greater assault on the well functioning of government. The proposed charter amendment takes away the mayor's authority to appoint a replacement or replacements and hands it over to the remaining incumbents (some or all of whom may be as recall-worthy as the recalled incumbent(s) but have been shielded from recall by this charter amendment.) As an example, if the proposed charter amendment applied to the current recall and all three School Board members were recalled, it would require a unanimous vote of the then remaining four Board members to appoint the replacement. All it would take is one Board member to unilaterally prohibit anyone from being appointed by withholding his or her vote. And if this occurred in an election cycle when a majority of a Board is recalled, then the Board would not be able to function at all even if all remaining Board members were willing to act.

It is sad to see otherwise progressive public officials in San Francisco try to drastically limit the people's recall power. Taking away voting rights from the people, as this proposed charter amendment does, is exactly what we as San Franciscans oppose in other states. Taking away authority from the chief executive is reminiscent of what I saw Congressional Republicans do to President Obama when I served in his administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to the proposed charter amendment. I urge you to reconsider and withdraw it.

Sincerely,

John Trasvina

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**Subject:** File No. 211286 - Proposed amendments - Building Inspection Commission  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:04:39 AM  
**Attachments:** [Supervisor Melgar - Amendments - File No. 211286 - Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission.DOCX](#)

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Thank you,

Jennifer Fieber  
Legislative Aide



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**Subject:** RE: File No. 211286 - Proposed amendments - Building Inspection Commission  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:22:40 AM

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Thanks, Fieber.

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**From:** Fieber, Jennifer (BOS) <jennifer.fieber@sfgov.org>  
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Legislative Aide  
Office of Supervisor Myrna Melgar, District 7

Member, Board of Supervisors  
District 3



City and County of San Francisco

**AARON PESKIN**

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DATE: February 3, 2022

TO: Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Aaron Peskin, Chair, Rules Committee

RE: Rules Committee  
COMMITTEE REPORT

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Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Rules Committee, I have deemed the following matter is of an urgent nature and request it be considered by the full Board on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, as a Committee Report:

**211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]**

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) split the power to make appointments to the following bodies between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors: Airport Commission, Arts Commission, Asian Art Commission, Civil Service Commission, Commission on the Environment, Commission on the Status of Women, Disability and Aging Services Commission, Fire Commission, Health Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Rights Commission, Human Services Commission, Juvenile Probation Commission, Library Commission, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, Public Utilities Commission, Recreation and Park Commission, and War Memorial and Performing Arts Center Board of Trustees; subject Mayoral appointments to those bodies and to the Building Inspection Commission and the Small Business Commission to approval by the Board of Supervisors; provide that the appropriate appointing authority (Mayor or Board of Supervisors, as applicable) may initiate removal of commissioners; and specify that the terms of members of the Asian Art Commission, Building Inspection Commission, Civil Service Commission, and Fine Arts Museums Board of Trustees shall be for four years; and 2) specify the types of functions that the City Administrator may oversee; require that any agencies under the City Administrator be designated by ordinance; authorize the City Administrator to review City programs and services, and

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employment practices, and to make recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and departments based on those reviews; prohibit the Mayor from placing functions under the City Administrator without authorization by ordinance; and authorize the City Administrator to recommend removal of any department head to the Mayor or a commission, and require the Mayor or commission to act on the recommendation within 30 days; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

**211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]**

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to revise the duties, composition, and method of appointment for members of the Building Inspection Commission; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

**211287 [Charter Amendment -Timelines for Recall Process; Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices]**

Charter Amendment (Third Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to extend the ban on the initiation of recall petitions from six to twelve months after the official has assumed office; prohibit the submission of a recall petition to the Department of Elections, if the subsequent recall election would be required to be held within twelve months of a regularly scheduled election for the office held by the official sought to be recalled; and provide that any interim officer appointed to fill a vacancy created by a recall election, held on or after June 7, 2022, may not be a candidate in the subsequent vacancy election; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022.

This matter will be heard in the Rules Committee at a Rescheduled Meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

*/s/ Aaron Peskin*