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**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#); [EngardioStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff\\_ \[BOS\]](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [catherine.stafani@sfgov.org](mailto:catherine.stafani@sfgov.org); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Historic Preservation Commission Candidate Seat 4  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 1:03:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [SFHeritageLetter.3.3.2023.Seat4.HPC.pdf](#)

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Dear Madam Clerk, President Peskin, and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

[Please see attached and text inserted below for our comment letter regarding the Historic Preservation Commission Candidate for Seat 4.]

San Francisco Heritage (“Heritage”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the matter of the Mayoral nominee to the Historic Preservation Commission, Seat 4, Historian. After having had the opportunity to meet the nominee, Ms. Victoria Gray, and discuss her qualifications, it is our view that she does not meet the minimum qualifications required for the seat.

In every instance, the Historic Preservation Commission's first responsibility is to the resource, held in trust for the people of San Francisco and for the future. The Board will consider a new commissioner at a crucial time in our history. The Commission needs to act with authority and conviction in its deliberations; it needs to keep faith with the public.

The Secretary of Interior’s professional qualifications were developed to ensure that bodies such as the Historic Preservation Commission can abide by the highest standards, make tough calls, and act with conviction. It is this body’s responsibility to ensure that each commissioner personifies both the letter and the spirit of these qualifications including technical expertise, subject matter authority, experience, and standing in their respective, relevant fields.

As a matter of good governance, San Francisco Heritage would support the nomination of commissioners who meet the Secretary of Interior's professional qualification standards. However, we cannot support the nomination of the candidate now before the Board. Her experience as a private curator and researcher does not rise to the level of historian as outlined in the nationally accepted standards.

As always, San Francisco Heritage supports this Board's endeavors and looks forward to continuing our partnership with the City as we collectively shape our future.

Please feel free to contact me or Karalyn Monteil, CEO & President, if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Christine

***Christine Madrid French***  
***Director of Advocacy, Programs & Communications***

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March 1, 2023

Ms. Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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RE: Historic Preservation Commission Candidate, Seat 4

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Sincerely,



Karalyn Monteil  
CEO & President

cc:

Supervisor Connie Chan  
Supervisor Matt Dorsey  
Supervisor Joel Engardio  
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman  
Supervisor Aaron Peskin  
Supervisor Dean Preston  
Supervisor Myrna Melgar  
Supervisor Hillary Ronen  
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Supervisor Catherine Stefani  
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**Subject:** SFLUC Opposes Mayor's New Appointee to HPC  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 9:39:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [SFLUC Opposes Mayor's New Appointee to HPC.pdf](#)

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Dear Clerk of the Board, President Peskin, and Members of the Board,

Please see our attached letter in opposition to the mayor's new appointee for the Historic Preservation Commission. We strongly urge you to reject the nominee for the reasons stated in this letter.

Sincerely,

Ozzie Rohm for San Francisco Land Use Coalition



## SAN FRANCISCO LAND USE COALITION

March 3, 2023

Dear Clerk of the Board, President Peskin, and Members of the BOS,

We are members of SFLUC – San Francisco Land Use Coalition – from all over San Francisco. Our goals are promoting equitable growth, protecting valuable resources, providing for public input, and preventing displacement. We care about good governance. We encourage the Board of Supervisors to reject the nomination of Ms. Victoria Gray to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Mayor Breed has nominated Ms. Gray, to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission, in Seat 4, "Historian." It is our position, that Ms. Gray does not meet the minimum qualifications requirements for the seat.

According to Section 4.135., Article 10, of the San Francisco Planning Code, the qualifications for Seat 4 are as follows: "Seat 4: an historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area history."

Ms. Gray lacks a graduate degree in history and the academic training envisioned for this seat. Further, her work experience with commercial enterprises, such as auction houses, has not resulted in the experience, either with the built environment or Bay Area history, that would inform her service on the HPC.

We are aware of several qualified nominees, city residents, who fully meet the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications in history. Further, there are other qualified professionals who align with the recent Planning Commission / HPC resolutions centering Planning / Preservation Planning on Racial and Social Equity.

We join other City voices and organizations who care about good governance and equitable policies in asking you to reject this nominee and seek other candidates.

Sincerely,

San Francisco Land Use Coalition

Jerry Dratler – D1, the Richmond District  
Stephanie Peek – D1, the Richmond District  
Maurice Franco – D2, the Marina  
Marlayne Morgan – D2, Cathedral Hill  
Kathleen Courtney – D3, Russian Hill  
Chris Bigelow – D3, Russian Hill  
Katherine Howard – D4, Outer Sunset  
Erica Zweig – D4, Outer Sunset  
Jeffrey Rigo – D4, Outer Sunset  
Ken Rackow – D4, Outer Sunset  
Tes Welborn – D5, Haight Ashbury

Bruce Wolfe – D5, Haight Ashbury  
George Wooding – D7, Midtown Terrace  
Karen Wood – D7, Miraloma Park  
Karen Breslin – D7, Miraloma Park  
Bruce Bowen – D8, Dolores Heights  
Junona Jonas – D8, Dolores Heights  
Gary Weiss – D8, Corbett Heights  
David Troup – D8, Duboce Triangle  
Matt McCabe – D8, Noe Valley  
Ozzie Rohm – D8, Noe Valley



**From:** [Greg Chiampou](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Historic Preservation Comm. Nominee - Reject Ms. Gray  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 12:04:46 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Mayor Breed has nominated Victoria Gray to the Historic Preservation Committee. Ms. Gray does not have the requisite qualifications for the seat for which she has been nominated.

The nomination of Ms. Gray for Seat 4 – a seat that must adhere to Section 4.135., Article 10, of the San Francisco Planning Code, is a violation of that code. "Seat 4 must be an historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standard for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area history." Unfortunately, Ms. Gray does not have that the educational nor the Bay Area history background to qualify her for this seat on the Historic Preservation Committee.

Please reject this nomination. Thank you.

Greg Chiampou  
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San Francisco, CA 94133  
Tel. 415.845.4479

**From:** [Greg Giachino](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please Reject the Mayor's Nominee Victoria Gray to the Historical Preservation Committee  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 11:35:49 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I recently learned that Mayor Breed nominated Victoria Gray to the Historic Preservation Committee. I understand that Ms. Gray does not have the requisite qualifications for the seat for which she has been nominated.

The nomination of Ms. Gray for Seat 4 – a seat that must adhere to Section 4.135., Article 10, of the San Francisco Planning Code, is a violation of that code. "Seat 4 must be an historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standard for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area history." Unfortunately, Ms. Gray does not have that the educational nor the Bay Area history background to qualify her for this seat on the Historic Preservation Committee.

In a city with 815K people, there are other qualified candidates that align with the Planning Code requirements in the code section referenced above. This person does not.

Please reject this nomination.

Regards,

Greg Giachino

**Greg Giachino**

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**From:** [Michael Toy](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject the nomination of Ms. Victoria Gray  
**Date:** Monday, March 6, 2023 9:13:55 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you reject the nomination of Ms. Victoria Gray to the Historic Preservation Commission. It is quite evident that she is unqualified to be the "historian" for Seat 4. She lacks a graduate degree in history as well as the work experience required for this seat. Her work experience with commercial enterprises, such as auction houses, clearly did not result in the experiences that would inform her potential service on the HPC. Mayor Breed needs to nominate some one else who is qualified for that position. Thank you.

Best regards,  
Michael Toy  
375 Vallejo Street  
San Francisco, CA 94133

**From:** [Judy Irving](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Victoria Gray is not qualified to be on the Historic Preservation Commission  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 6:44:52 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please reject this ill-advised nomination. Someone with auction house experience selling “historic” items to the highest bidder does not meet the qualifications required for this seat on the HPC. Please abide by the Planning Code’s own rules: “Seat 4 must be an historian meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Professional Qualifications Standard for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area history.”

There are highly qualified San Francisco historians who would be perfect for this Seat. Give them a chance.

Thank you,

Judy Irving  
Producer/Director  
Nonprofit Executive Director  
Member, Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences Documentary Branch

**From:** [Joe Fiandaca](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Bob McAmis](#); [Neman Gailani](#)  
**Cc:** [Yen, Stephen \(ASR\)](#); [Hung, Alexander \(ASR\)](#)  
**Subject:** 2021-0178 & 0179 Tax Appeals  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 3:23:44 PM

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Good Afternoon Angela,

I spoke with Stephen a little while ago and we are in agreement Appeal Nos 2021-0178 & 0179 (Supplements) need to be combined and have the same hearing date. Right now 2021-0178 is scheduled for April 6 and 2021-0179 for April 13<sup>th</sup>. Can we please combine these two, since they are an economic unit (APN: 3726-007 & 008). And if I mis-stated anything, Stephen please correct me.

Thanks.... Joe

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**From:** [Nadya Williams](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject the nomination of Ms. Victoria Gray to the Historic Preservation Commission.  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 3:05:15 PM

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- *Nadya Williams*

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**From:** [Nadya Williams](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Mayor Breed's nomination of Victoria Gray to the Historic Preservation Committee  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 2:58:16 PM

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Please reject this nomination.

- *Nadya Williams*

*Board Member - Telegraph Hill Dwellers*

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**From:** [Lance Carnes](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Please Reject the Mayor's Nominee Victoria Gray to the Historical Preservation Committee  
**Date:** Friday, March 3, 2023 2:17:38 PM

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Thank you,  
Lance Carnes