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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File #220636 Charter Amendment and Ordinance - Additional Density and Height; Rent-Control

Dear Supervisors,

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition urges you to support the proposed Charter Amendment to extend the protections of the San Francisco Rent Stabilization and Just Cause Eviction Ordinance to new housing built in accordance with future upzonings of San Francisco neighborhoods. As a coalition of dozens of tenant-serving organizations in San Francisco, we are acutely aware of rent control's effectiveness as an anti-displacement tool, critical for keeping seniors, people of color and low income households in San Francisco.

With San Francisco seeking to add some 82,000 new housing units, we ask *what kind of housing will it be?* Will it be the kind of housing that allows people to put down roots? Where tenants are free from worry of unfair eviction and live with security knowing that the rent they could afford at the outset will remain stable? Where rent increases are reflective of actual rising costs and not speculative pressures?

New housing construction should contribute to the long-term sustainability and affordability of our city. Our community health and wellbeing depends on each of our ability to imagine a future here. Housing where the rent can double at almost any time and where a tenant can be legally evicted for no reason or almost any reason at all is not housing our communities can count on. Applying San Francisco's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and accompanying eviction protections to density bonuses ensures that these new units are quality, long-term housing and not simply a vehicle for investor profits.

We expect much of the new 82,000 units to be both rental housing *and* built in accordance with those programs, and therefore eligible for those protections. We urge you to support this measure so it can move to the voters in November.

Respectfully,

San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition
and

Affordable Housing Alliance
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian
Law Caucus
Bill Sorro Housing Program
Causa Justa.; Just Cause
Coalition on Homelessness- San Francisco
Council of Community Housing Organizations

Eviction Defense Collaborative
Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco
San Francisco Community Land Trust
Senior and Disability Action