



July 15, 2010

Building Inspection Commission  
1660 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Proposed Ordinance File # 081089  
Torch-Applied Roofing Ban

Honorable Members of the Commission:

At the regular meeting of July 14, 2010, the full Code Advisory Committee (CAC) deliberated on a proposed ordinance (Supervisor Mirkarimi File #081089 Reactivated) amending Chapter 26 of the San Francisco Fire code by adding Section 2611 to prohibit in San Francisco the installation of torch-applied roof systems on combustible roofs; adopting environmental findings and findings required by California Health & Safety Code Section 17958.7; and directing the Clerk of the Board to forward San Francisco's amendment and findings to the California Building Standards Commission and the Office of the State Fire Marshal. The CAC voted 9 to 2 to not recommend support of this ordinance as written due to its ineffectiveness and inappropriateness, with a suggestion to investigate the possibilities of criminal penalties and other alternatives to address the problem.

The CAC duly forwards this recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission for their further action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Means".

Kirk Means  
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Secretary to the Code Advisory Committee

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