

From: [Christine Madrid French](#)
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; [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
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March 1, 2023

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RE: Historic Preservation Commission Candidate, Seat 4

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Sincerely,



Karalyn Monteil
CEO & President

cc:

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Supervisor Matt Dorsey
Supervisor Joel Engardio
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Supervisor Aaron Peskin
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Supervisor Catherine Stefani
Supervisor Shamann Walton

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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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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

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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 13th. 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*

Nadya Marina Connolly Williams, Director of Communications, Veterans For Peace, San Francisco Chapter 69; and Board Member, VFP Viet Nam Ch. 160 www.vfp160.org

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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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Dear Board of Supervisors,

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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