

Mayoral Reappointment, Planning Commission, Derek Braun

Dear Rules Committee Members:

My name is Ewan Barker Plummer, I am a youth activist and advocate living in the Sunset District. I am writing in strong support of Derek Braun for reappointment to the Planning Commission.

As a queer San Franciscan, I know how important it is to have LGBTQIA+ representation on every decision-making body we have. The queer community has a long history in San Francisco, and are a safe-haven for queer people around the world—but too often unaffordable housing is a barrier to this. We need an advocate who understands this on the Planning Commission.

Current housing policies are a major contributing factor to the inequities we see in our city. Derek has the background experience to understand this and applies a commitment to environmental sustainability in his work—with a focus on transit-oriented and infill locations—and prioritizes ensuring that his work furthers economic and racial equity outcomes. He is a Principal at Strategic Economics, a land use economics consulting firm based in Berkeley, California.

As a young San Franciscan, I know how important environmental issues are to our communities. Climate change is a very real threat to my generation and we need leaders who will plan the future of our city responsibly, with environmental sustainability front and center.

Derek is a District 8 resident, where he lives with his partner. He is a member of the Alice B. Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, SPUR, and the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition. He has wide-ranging experience in the analysis of employment and industry trends, market opportunities and demand, the economic and fiscal impacts of development, affordable housing tools and policy development, development feasibility, and plan implementation and public financing strategies.

It is for the above mentioned reasons that I strongly urge you to approve Derek's appointment. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ewan Barker Plummer
Queer Youth Advocate and Activist

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Greetings Rules Committee Members:

My name is Brian Ray and I am a resident of District 8 with a history of involvement with Bay Area arts, advocacy, and community nonprofits including Frameline, Common Sense Media, Center for Asian American Media (CAAM), and San Francisco Frontrunners. I'm writing in strong support of Derek Braun's appointment to the Planning Commission.

I have known Derek for years as both a kind and amazing person around my neighborhood, and also a passionate professional. What I know him best for is his caring and thoughtful involvement with the community.

Because of the above traits, along with many others he brings to people and spaces around him, I strongly urge you to approve Derek's appointment. Thank you all for your consideration, and the tireless work you do for San Francisco as well. Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Cheers,
Brian Ray

From: [Jane Natoli](#)
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Hello Rules Commission,

Below is a letter of support for Derek Braun. Thanks!

Dear Rules Committee Members:

My name is Jane Natoli, proud resident of Inner Richmond, and I am reaching out in my capacity as a member of Alice B Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club. I am writing in strong support of Derek Braun for reappointment to the Planning Commission.

Derek is an excellent nominee who has a wide array of experience both personally and professionally, from his day job as a Principal at Strategic Economics, a land-use consulting firm, to his engagement with organizations locally in San Francisco including Alice B Toklas LGBTQ Democratic Club, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, and SPUR.

He has direct experience with the tough large tasks in front of us based on his work on general plan updates for cities such as South San Francisco and Santa Rosa, and he has a track record of working on environmentally sustainable policies and bringing feasibility while maximizing opportunities for more much needed affordable homes.

Finally, it is great to see another qualified LGBTQ+ nominated and willing to serve our City. I look forward to not just the great professional experience and perspective he brings, but the personal one as well.

It is for the above mentioned reasons, I strongly urge you to approve Derek's appointment. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jane Natoli