



October 27, 2025

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Rm. 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Letter of Support for Judy Lee – Nomination to the Department of Building Inspection Commission

Dear President Rafael Mandelman and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the San Francisco Labor Council, AFL-CIO, representing over 100,000 working families and more than 100 affiliated unions across our city, we are proud to express our strong support for the nomination of Judy Lee to serve on the Department of Building Inspection Commission.

Judy Lee is a proven advocate for working people and a dedicated community leader who understands that safe, fair, and accountable building practices are essential to protecting both workers and residents. Her deep ties to San Francisco's neighborhoods and her long history of partnership with labor and community organizations make her uniquely qualified to help guide the Department's work with integrity and equity.

Throughout her career, Ms. Lee has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to worker safety, fair enforcement, and transparent public service. She recognizes the vital role that union workers play in maintaining the quality and safety of our city's buildings and infrastructure. Judy has consistently championed policies that ensure workers' voices are heard, job sites are safe, and inspections are conducted with professionalism and fairness.

Equally important, Judy understands that the Department of Building Inspection serves not just the construction industry, but all San Franciscans. She brings a community-centered approach — one that values public trust, inclusion, and responsiveness to the diverse needs of residents, small businesses, and neighborhood advocates. Her leadership would help bridge the gap between City Hall, working people, and the communities most affected by development and housing policy.

The San Francisco Labor Council believes that Judy Lee will bring integrity, balance, and compassion to the Commission. Her commitment to social justice, worker rights, and equitable development reflects the values that make San Francisco a city for everyone.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to confirm Judy Lee's appointment to the Department of Building Inspection Commission and look forward to working with her to ensure a safer, fairer, and more accountable future for all who live and work in our city.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership on behalf of San Francisco's working families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Tavaglione", written in a cursive style.

Kim Tavaglione
Executive Director

Dear members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Community Tenants Association in support of the appointment of **Judy Lee** to the Building Inspection Commission for **Seat #6**.

The Community Tenants Association was formed in 1987 and has a membership of over 3,400 members, most of whom are low-income tenants living in Chinatown. Our mission is to defend the rights of low-income tenants throughout San Francisco. CTA focuses on tenants' rights, preservation of affordable housing, protection of existing tenants from displacement, and awareness on issues impacting the city's most vulnerable immigrant populations.

Judy brings over a decade of experience in city administration, community development, and public policy, with a deep understanding of how city decisions directly impact working families and tenants.

In her current role as Program Director for San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Judy oversees major civic events and public safety operations that involve coordination with multiple city departments, compliance with building and event permitting requirements, and engagement with community stakeholders. She also serves as the Program Director of the Rose Pak Community Fund, where she leads initiatives focused on housing advocacy, cultural preservation, and social equity in underserved communities.

Judy's multilingual fluency in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin further enhances her ability to serve San Francisco's diverse communities and ensure that government processes remain accessible to all residents, including those most at risk of displacement and housing insecurity.

We believe Judy Lee's appointment will strengthen the Commission's oversight capacity and enhance the department's service to residents, businesses, and neighborhoods across San Francisco. We are confident that she will serve with distinction and uphold the mission of the Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Yihung Wong
President of Community Tenants Association

Dear members of the Rules Committee,

On behalf of the Code Enforcement Outreach Program (CEOP) and SRO Collaboratives—including the Mission, Chinatown, Central City, and SRO Families United Collaboratives—we are writing to express our support for the appointment of **Judy Lee** to the Building Inspection Commission, **Seat #6**.

The CEOP and SRO Collaboratives work directly with residents of single-room occupancy (SRO) hotels through a comprehensive, community-centered, peer-to-peer model focused on habitability, housing stability, and tenant empowerment. Additionally, CEOP works to make all kinds of residential buildings throughout the city safe, habitable, up to code, and plays a critical role in supporting both tenants and owners while fostering effective collaboration with the Department of Building Inspection. Through peer-to-peer tenant outreach, we help tenants and property owners navigate code enforcement issues and bring buildings into compliance.

Judy's values and experiences closely align with the work that we do. As a long-time tenant in San Francisco, she understands the daily challenges residents face in finding and maintaining safe, affordable homes. During her time at the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and Board of Supervisors, she worked directly with the San Francisco Housing Authority and residents from all walks of life to navigate programs such as Section 8 housing—providing guidance, compassion, and unwavering support throughout the process.

As someone who understands what it means to be a tenant and who has spent her career supporting others in their housing journey, Judy brings not only professional experience but also a deep personal commitment to fairness, accessibility, and community voice. Her personal experiences have grounded her in the belief that housing is not just about buildings—it's about people, families, and the neighborhoods we call home.

Judy brings both lived and professional experience that will provide essential insight to the Building Inspection Commission. Her people-centered approach and understanding of the intersection between policy, enforcement, and community needs will strengthen the Commission's ability to uphold fairness, accountability, and transparency.

These are the qualities that are important to our members and our community, and we urge your support for Judy Lee. We are confident that she will bring integrity, empathy, and a strong commitment to ensuring that San Francisco remains livable and inclusive for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Juan Alejandro Garcia
Community Coalition Manager
SRO Families United Collaborative



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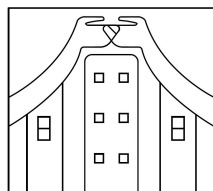
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