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LONDON N. BREED
MAYOR

May 26, 2023

The Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
Attn: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: File 230167

President Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am returning File No. 230167 unsigned. San Francisco does not need another legislated task force. We need action. That's why I issued Executive Directive 23-01 in February of this year – to provide clear direction to departments to reduce permitting times by at least 50% by early next year. By creating a new task force and legislating other mandates, this ordinance adds additional bureaucracy in a permitting process that is already overly complicated. Instead, the leadership of these departments will continue to operate under the guidance of my Executive Directive 23-01 and implement these reforms now rather than wait even longer for recommendations from conversations that are duplicative in nature.

Instead of creating a new task force, we should work together to pass ordinances to remove barriers to approving and permitting housing and opening small businesses. I am working with many Supervisors to do just that, and I look forward to collaborating on policies that will actually make a difference for our City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor