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**Subject:** Support of Elevators Fund Hearing (File No. 240181) AND Supervisor Melgar's Legislation (File No. 231224)  
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Date: March 24, 2024

**Subject: Support of Elevators Fund Hearing (File No. 240181) AND Supervisor Melgar's Renters Rights Legislation (File No. 231224)**

Dear Supervisors Preston, Stefani, and Chan on GAO Committee and Supervisors Preston, Peskin and Melgar on Land Use Committee

I am writing to express my support for the hearing on the ongoing delays in the disbursement of funds to fix elevators in Single Room Occupancy housing (SROs). This is a much needed action to hold the Mayor's office accountable for releasing the funds already allocated in the budget to address this ongoing problem.

However, this is not enough to address numerous other hazardous and life-threatening issues faced by our poor, elderly, and disabled tenants who have to contend with substandard housing due to their negligent and greedy slumlords. Our lawmakers should hold such landlords, including non-profit owners and operators who ignore tenants rights and keep the most vulnerable among us in squalid, hazardous, and unsafe tenements accountable.

That is exactly what Supervisor Melgar's legislation, Tenant Enforcement of Habitability Requirements (File No. 231224) intends to do. **Why has no hearing been scheduled?**

We need a systemic reform to empower tenants to force these bad actors, be it private or non-profit, to provide basic services for which they collect rent such as water, sewer, heat, stoves, refrigerators, and safe habitats.

Resistance from slumlords or certain non-profits who want to carve out exemptions from this legislation is par for the course but we expect more from our lawmakers. I urge you to do the right thing and lend your full support to Supervisor Melgar's legislation to hold negligent landlords of all stripes accountable.

Sincerely,

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Dear Supervisors Dean Preston, Catherine Stefani and Connie Chan,

As a member of The San Francisco Tenants Union, I am all too familiar with the ongoing delays in the disbursement of funds to fix elevators in SRO hotels, and I am grateful that you've called for a hearing and requested the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and Mayor's Office to report. I truly appreciate the fact that you intend to get to the bottom of the ongoing delays in the disbursement of funds to fix elevators in Single Room Occupancy Hotels.

Residents of SROs have habitually have had to deal with living in with the problem broken elevators in the buildings they live in. This situation is unconscionable and inexcusable. SRO building owners have a duty to maintain the elevators in good working order for their residents. The Agencies that have made representations to fund repairs have no valid excuse for not following through. People's lives are at stake. For heavens sake funding the repair and maintenance of elevators in SRO Hotels needs to happen immediately.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Anastasia Yovanopoulos  
Member of SF Tenants Union Steering Committee