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Hello to all the Supervisor's that were present today at the Hearing for the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development's Budget Analysis.

My name is Libby Staub and I have lived in North Beach since 2000. I became a Veritas tenant when they bought my building 2 1/2 years ago. Almost immediately we were faced with illegal and disruptive construction in our building as well as inflated O&M pass throughs that we needed to fight at a Rental Board hearing.

I would never have known how to understand or even defend myself against these actions if I had not received assistance from HRCSF regarding these issues.

I have directly benefited by being involved with HRCSF as Brad Hirn and other representatives attended our Rental Board Hearings with us and helped us navigate that process.

I then became a volunteer and as a "team" we were successful in collectively pushing back those proposed O&M's for most Veritas buildings as well as affect eventual legislation by marching in the streets and alerting the public about Veritas' practices.

Since the Covid outbreak and subsequent Shelter In Place, it has been nearly impossible to do effective outreach to inform tenants on how to defer their rent payments in relation to the Rent Moratorium issued by our Mayor back in March.

As of July 1st, everyone is expected to pay their rent as normal, but many tenants have used their unemployment benefits and stimulus checks during the moratorium to pay their rent as they were SO FEARFUL of possible eviction.

With tenants' resources depleted, many will not be able to pay their rent for July, meaning

NOW MORE THAN EVER, we need all of the budget allocated for The Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco and others that do outreach and education to **REMAIN INTACT**.

We are only going to face more dubious pass throughs, evictions, and issues in relation to these corporate landlords and the best defense we have to fight for our tenant rights are all of the many Tenant Associations currently serving this city.

I urge you **NOT** to cut their already minimal budgets. As a volunteer, I already see how little money we have to work with when planning any actions, etc. and we volunteers definitely need "someone at the helm" to guide us in these actions.

We would lose invaluable leadership if their budgets are cut, leaving tenants without guidance in defending ourselves.

Thank you for your time today and I look forward to your support in this matter.

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Dear Budget and Appropriations Commission:

I am Dr. Roderick Daus-Magbual, Executive Director of Pin@y Educational Partnerships (PEP), and I am **commenting on agenda item 1 focusing on Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Budget analysis**. PEP is an Ethnic Studies service-learning program that introduces Filipina/o/x American studies to K-College students. We received a budget of \$101,827.00 for year 2019-2020 from the Department of Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development. **The proposed \$75,000 budget for the upcoming 2020-2021 is close to a \$27,000 cut reflecting a 26% decrease.** For an award winning and successful program that has graduated hundreds of students over the past two decades, **we are rewarded with a significant cut to our budget does not make sense.** This cut will impact salaries with the possibility of eliminating one of our full-time positions and reduction of resources for our students. PEP has created a social justice work force of educators, youth workers, social workers, that has filled key positions in various Filipina/o/x American community-based organizations throughout the city and within in San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). **The decrease in our budget does not only affect us, but various Filipina/o/x American community-based organizations.** These significant reductions to various FilAm organizations do not provide the equity in providing culturally relevant and responsive services in education, housing, immigration, labor, and small business. This proposed cut is crucial in sustaining our FilAm community in San Francisco to provide a sense of community, identity, and security.

Sincerely,

Dr. Roderick Daus-Magbual
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