



# OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3

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July 11, 2024

Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 250  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee Sean McGarry (Planning Commission)**

Dear Supervisors Ronen, Walton, and Safai,

My name is Charley Lavery, and I am writing to you on behalf of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 represents over 40,000 members across our four-state jurisdiction of California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah. From heavy equipment operators and mechanics, to surveyors, construction inspectors, highway maintenance workers, police officers and other public employees.

It is my pleasure to submit this letter in strong support of Sean McGarry for the City's Planning Commission. His nomination by Mayor Breed is a testament to his years of advocacy in service of working-class San Franciscans, record of community engagement, and his deep commitment to the betterment of our city.

Throughout his 27 years as a member of the Carpenters Union, Sean has developed a comprehensive understanding of planning and development in San Francisco. From organizing in support of projects, to negotiating streamlining and labor standards on projects, to his early years in San Francisco as a working carpenter, Sean has experience at all stages of the planning and development processes. This unique perspective will add invaluable insight to the Planning Commission, as they work to serve the needs and aspirations of the City's diverse neighborhoods.

As the Senior Field Representative for Carpenters Local 22 in San Francisco, Sean manages a team of field representatives who provide services to the 4,000 members working within the City and County of San Francisco. He has worked hard to raise the living standards of carpenters in both the private- and public-sectors and brings that same passion and advocacy to issues of affordable housing and equitable community planning.



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Beyond his professional expertise, Sean's engagement in the local community informs his understanding of the lives of everyday San Franciscans. He currently holds elected office at local and regional levels of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC) and is a former board member of the United Irish Societies. Underscoring this, his personal journey as an immigrant underscores his appreciation for the opportunities and challenges facing our multicultural city. These experiences bring a unique perspective that will enrich the discussions and decisions of the City Planning Commission, ensuring that the voices of all residents are heard and respected.

For these reasons, I am confident that Mr. McGarry will be an outstanding addition to the San Francisco Planning Commission. As a San Francisco resident of over 30 years, Sean is deeply invested in the needs of San Franciscans from all backgrounds, and in so many ways, reflects the best this city has to offer. A renter, a construction worker, a union organizer, a community member, and now a homeowner. Sean's integrity, experience, and commitment to our community make him exceptionally qualified to join the Planning Commission and help make decisions that will shape our city's future for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my strong endorsement of Sean McGarry. Should you have any questions or wish to speak further, please feel free to contact me at 650-652-7969.

Respectfully,

Charley Lavery

District Representative, Trustee