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**San Francisco Board of Supervisors**  
**Attn: Rules Committee**  
**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place**  
**City Hall, Room 244**  
**San Francisco, CA 94102-4689**

**Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,**

**My name is Cynthia (Cyn) Wang, and I am a SFUSD mom, small business owner, and United Democratic Club board member writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner. I also previously served as assistant city attorney to several Bay Area cities, giving me a strong background in planning and land use. Based on this background, I believe Rachael is deeply qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

**Rachael brings a wealth of experience as Senior Planner focusing on the Excelsior and Outer Mission neighborhoods, a legislative aide, and a member of the Board of Permit Appeals. She knows the impact legislation has on our neighborhoods, the importance of public input, and the role the Planning Department plays in ensuring our City can remain a place for small businesses, working families, and all of our diverse communities.**

**As a former resident of the Bayview and SOMA, and current resident of the**

“Hub” area, Rachael sees and experiences daily the results of the Planning Department’s recent Eastern Neighborhoods, Western SOMA, Central SOMA , and Hub Area planning efforts. The City’s eastern neighborhoods have shouldered the majority of San Francisco’s new development, and having a resident from this part of the City will help ensure these issues are represented on the Planning Commission.

Additionally, as you know, diversity and representation matter, particularly on the Planning Commission. With the resignation of former commissioner Milicent Johnson, there are currently no African Americans on the Planning Commission. San Francisco, like so many other cities is still confronting our dark history of racist land use policies such as redlining and urban renewal, which have disproportionately impacted our city’s black community. Rachael’s appointment to the Planning Commission is important to ensure we continue to have African American representation on this important body.

I urge you to support Rachael’s nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Wang