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Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces

Name of Board/Commission/Committee/Task Force: Building Inspection Commission

Seat # (Required - see Vacancy Notice for qualifications): 6

Full Name: Judy Lee

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Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of residents of the City and County of San Francisco who are 18 years of age or older (unless otherwise stated in the code authority). For certain appointments, the Board of Supervisors may waive the residency requirement.

Resident of San Francisco: Yes ☒ No ☐ If No, place of residence: _____

18 Years of Age or Older: Yes ☒ No ☐

Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:

I am a first generation, Chinese American native San Franciscan and bilingual professional fluent in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin, committed to justice, equity, and inclusion in the built environment of San Francisco. My career has been rooted in citywide service across every supervisorial district, working with immigrant families, small business owners, monolingual seniors, and multi-generational households. In doing so, I have engaged directly with communities of interest who rely on safe, accessible, and resilient housing, commercial properties, and neighborhood environments—precisely the focus of the Department of Building Inspection (DBI).

My roles within City government—including the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and the Office of the Board of Supervisors—gave me first-hand experience in regulatory policy, neighborhood commercial preservation, code compliance outreach, and community risk reduction. In these positions, I developed programs serving small businesses in older buildings, multifamily tenants in aging housing stock, and culturally-specific enterprises adapting to evolving building and safety regulations. I understand the regulatory challenges that arise in high-density, historic, and immigrant-rich neighborhoods, and I have worked to design solutions that are culturally accessible and linguistically inclusive.

As a bicultural advocate and community leader, I have focused extensively on populations that face the greatest barriers in our built environment: non-English-speaking tenants, aging multi-unit buildings, mom-and-pop commercial storefronts, youth and senior residents, cultural institutions, and neighborhood zoning issues. My leadership with the San Francisco Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Rose Pak Community Fund has sharpened my ability to convene diverse stakeholders—labor, neighborhood associations, disability-access advocates, immigrant entrepreneurs, and public-sector regulators—to align on building safety, accessibility, heritage preservation, and equitable compliance solutions.

The built environment is not homogeneous; it reflects age, language, culture, economic condition, and neighborhood identity. In San Francisco, communities vary from high-rise developments in the downtown core to storefronts in the Tenderloin, from subsidized housing in the Bayview and Chinatown to converted single-family homes in the Richmond and Sunset. I have directly engaged with these diverse geographies and demographics — residents of different ages, families of multiple generations, people of varying incomes and English proficiency, and small-business owners of diverse ethnicities. My public-service record is bridge-building: ensuring code education and enforcement do not inadvertently penalize historically underserved communities, but instead offer pathways to compliance, safety, and community resilience.

If appointed to the DBI Commission, I will bring this multifaceted lens: the lived experience of an immigrant-community advocate, the professional competence of a city regulator partner, and the inclusive ethic of a civic servant who understands that safe buildings, equitable access, and resilient neighborhoods are foundational to all San Franciscans' well-being. I am committed to advising and guiding DBI to enhance language access, prioritize equitable enforcement, support culturally-sensitive outreach for at-risk buildings and tenants, promote accessible designs for residents of all ages and abilities, and ensure that the commission's work reflects the full diversity of our city—from immigrant storefronts to senior-occupied multi-unit housing.

Business and/or Professional Experience:

Please see attached resume.

Civic Activities:

Please see attached resume.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying? Yes ☐ No ☐

An appearance before the Rules Committee may be required at a scheduled public hearing, prior to the Board of Supervisors considering the recommended appointment. Applications should be received ten (10) days prior to the scheduled public hearing.

Date: 10/24/25 Applicant's Signature (required): _____

(Manually sign or type your complete name.

NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

Please Note: Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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Appointed to Seat #: _____ Term Expires: _____ Date Vacated: _____