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Dear Supervisors:

The San Francisco Tenants Union wishes to object to the appointment of J. J. Panzer to the Residential Rent Stabilization and Arbitration Board. We understand that landlord representatives are part of the structure of the Rent Board, and generally we do not make public objections to landlords serving in this capacity. However, we believe that Mr. Panzer's paid activities with his management company pose a conflict with incompatible activities described in both Rent Board policy and California government code.

Mr. Panzer's conducts paid work with Real Management Company (RMC). As President of RMC, Mr. Panzer works directly with landlord clients who wish to petition the Rent Board for passthroughs to tenants. If he is appointed and continues his paid work with RMC, he will be regulating Rent Board petitions that his company is in the business of preparing. In our assessment, this appointment and his paid work pose a conflict with the Rent Board's Statement of Incompatible Activities and Section 1126 of state government code.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to reject Mr. Panzer's appointment, and seek a landlord representative who is able to conduct his or her duties towards the public without being in violation of the law of Incompatible Activities.

Sincerely

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Executive Director

