From: Hans Ege Wenger

To: <u>Board of Supervisors (BOS)</u>

**Subject:** Reject the Appointment of Thomas Rocca to the HOC

**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 10:07:26 AM

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## Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am an SF resident in D7, as well as an advocate for unhoused people living in our City. I'm writing to strongly urge you to reject the nomination of Thomas Rocca to Seat 6 of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing Oversight Commission.

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Seat 6 on the HOC is intended for someone with real, hands-on experience serving or advocating for people experiencing homelessness. Mr. Rocca's background as a landlord and investor with properties that receive federal HUD vouchers directly conflicts with the purpose of this seat and raises significant ethical concerns.

The Commission directs how public money is allocated for homelessness services, including budgets and contracts, and plays a crucial role in overseeing programs that serve thousands of tenants currently living in supportive housing. Appointing a real estate investor and landlord with financial ties to HUD to this role creates an inherent conflict of interest and undermines the Commission's credibility. A person in this position cannot effectively represent or serve the interests of people currently experiencing homelessness nor those living in permanent supportive housing.

For these reasons, I respectfully call on the full Board of Supervisors to reject Thomas Rocca's confirmation and instead advance one of the qualified applicants with authentic community experience and a demonstrated commitment to serving San Francisco's unhoused and formerly unhoused populations. Thank you for your attention!

Best,

Hans Ege Wenger

From: <u>Jolie Wu</u>

To: Board of Supervisors (BOS)

**Subject:** Reject the appointment of Thomas Rocca to The HOC

**Date:** Monday, November 3, 2025 1:22:54 PM

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I hope this email finds you well. Please see my letter below on my concerns regarding the appointment of Thomas Rocca to the HOC. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

November 3, 2025

TO: President Mandelman and Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jiali Wu

SUBJECT: Reject the appointment of Thomas Rocca to The HOC

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