

From: [Debra Carpenter](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 12:51:11 PM

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From: [Michelle Chan](#)
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Sincerely,

Michelle D. Chan

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Garret Tom](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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From: [Shannon Thomson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Shannon

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Sybil-Frances Kimbrig

From: [MAX YOUNG](#)
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As a voter, native San Franciscan who is invested emotionally and financially in the health of our city, father of two San Franciscans, and small business owner...

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Sincerely,
Max Young
415.722.6299

From: [Debra Walker](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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The current hodgepodge of different rules is confusing for everyone. Charter reform of all commissions should be better thought out than these poor and ill-advised proposals.

We all want reform that will make our city run efficiently and transparently. These half baked ideas are not the answer.

These charter Proposals are far from ready for real consideration.

Vote NO. The voters certainly will.

Sincerely,

Debra Walker

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jennie Lyons](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Jennie Lyons (D1)
Sent from my iPad

From: [Nick Podell](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
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Sincerely,

Nick

From: [Grant Ingram](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Grant Ingram
106 Point Lobos Avenue San Francisco
D1 Resident

From: [Yahoo](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

Perry Klebahn
62 5th Ave

From: [Mari Murayama](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Mari Murayama
District 1

From: [Jenny Stegall](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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From: [Jay Thomson](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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From: [Billy Brandreth](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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Sincerely,

Susan McDonough
D1

From: [Jennifer Kriz](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 4:35:49 PM

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Jennifer Kriz
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Julie Paul](#)
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Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 4:45:20 PM
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Sincerely,



Julie Paul

Founder

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From: [Charlton Yu](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 5:47:10 PM

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Sincerely,
Charlton Yu
20 year resident of San Francisco, D2

From: [Leslie Podell](#)
To: [Ericka_Aragon \(BOSS\)](#) [ChaeStaff \(BOSS\)](#) [MardelmacStaff \(BOSS\)](#) [Honey_Mart \(BOSS\)](#) [Mir_Gordon \(BOSS\)](#) [MolgarStaff \(BOSS\)](#) [Preston_Dean \(BOSS\)](#) [Bonnie_Hillkey_Safai_Ahaha \(BOSS\)](#) [Stefani_Catherine \(BOSS\)](#) [Walter_Shaman \(BOSS\)](#) [Young_Victor \(BOSS\)](#) [lellie@shurite.com](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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Sincerely,
Leslie Podell
415-885-9395

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From: [Lanier Coles](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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Sincerely,
Lanier Coles

From: [Leslie Podell](#)
To: [Cecilia Acero \(BOS\)](#); [ChenStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandarinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Hancy Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar_Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MolagStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preslon_Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Boroni_Hillary](#); [Safai_Ahaha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani_Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton_Sharam \(BOS\)](#); [Young_Victor \(BOS\)](#); [sourd12000@gmail.com](#)
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Leslie Podell

415-883-9395

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From: [Jennifer Hocking](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 6:34:40 PM

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Sincerely,
Jennifer Hocking
San Francisco resident

Sent from my iPhone

From: [John Hurabiell](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, JBOS](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 6:38:03 PM

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This is an immoral attempt to deprive patriotic Americans of their rights to control the political process. This is not some communist hellhole—though you damn democrats have certainly done your best to turn it into one.

Sincerely,

John P. Hurabiell, Sr.

John P. Hurabiell

259 - 14th Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94118

415-387-3001

415-387-8061 fax

From: tpmartinii@gmail.com
To: [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Proposed Charter Amendments - please oppose
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 7:26:16 PM

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Supervisors,

I respectfully ask you to oppose the proposed Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287,211288. I urge you to not spend time on political agendas and focus on the quality of life, health, safety and economic well-being of our citizens and visitors.

Sincerely,

Tevis P. Martin
31st Ave, SF District 2

From: [Sara Starr](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
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Sincerely,

Sara Starr

From: [Daphne Alden](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:18:10 PM

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Daphne Alden

From: [CJ Faulkner](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safaj, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); info@sfsun.org; [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:18:44 PM

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I respectfully urge you to oppose several proposed Charter Amendments that subvert voters' rights, fundamentally distort the balance of power in San Francisco and create more gridlock in government.

Please oppose the anti-democratic overreach of items numbered 5 through 8 on the Rules Committee Agenda for January 24, 2022 at 9am:

#5 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]
#6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]
#7 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]
#8 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

Rationale for each objection:

#5: 211286 [Charter Amendment - Building Inspection Commission]

I oppose this attempt to reallocate powers of the Mayor to the BOS.

#6: 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator]

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#7: 211287 [Charter Amendment - Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices; Timelines for Recall Process]

This proposal is an attempt to elevate elected officials above the people. Elected officials should always be subject to voter oversight and the Proposed Amendment decimates the power of the recall as an avenue to make political change in extreme circumstances. This is a cynical political reaction to the current recall efforts. Any vote in favor of putting this on the ballot conveys a clear message that the official is more concerned with gaining power than with serving the people.

Since most Supervisors supported the recall of at least one BOE member, it is worth noting that if this amendment were in place now, and the BOE recalls are successful, the BOE itself would select replacements for Collins, Lopez, and Moliga. This would significantly decrease the impact of the recall.

This change to filling BOS vacancies makes no sense in that the 10 remaining Supervisors - none of whom were

elected by people in the vacant seat district - would select the new Supervisor for that district. The Mayor is elected citywide, and so it makes sense for the person in that position to fill the vacancy.

#8: 211288 [Declaration of Policy and Charter Amendment - Fossil Fuel Disinvestment Policy; Retirement Board Membership]

This is a smokescreen power-grab. The BOS has no control over retirement investments: they are determined at the State level. The BOS can declare support for Fossil Fuel divestment without an expensive ballot measure. The amendment changes what branch of government has control over City Board appointments. I think the balance of power should stay as it is. Large cities need an executive (Mayor) who is accountable to ALL citizens.

Sincerely,

From: [Calvin Lau](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
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Date: Sunday, January 30, 2022 8:25:07 PM

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From: sfkl@aol.com
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); soard1.2020@gmail.com
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Mrs. Norman Balfour Levin

From: [Jennifer Yan](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); hello@d2unite.com
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Monday, January 31, 2022 1:13:49 AM

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Sincerely,

From: [Barbara Kelly](#)
To: [Aron Peskin](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 12:20:25 PM

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Sincerely,
Barbara Kelly

From: [Erika Kim](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 2:26:48 PM

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Sincerely,
Erika Kim

From: johnmburns48@yahoo.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: ["D2Unite"](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments 211286, 211285, 211287 and 211288
Date: Friday, January 21, 2022 7:21:24 PM

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Sincerely,

John and Usha Burns
3618 Sacramento St
SF 94118

From: [Gabriel Goffman](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good government.
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 1:02:07 PM

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.
Gabe Goffman
D2

From: [Chaz -](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Good Government Charter Amendment // Item 6, File No. 211285: Support
Date: Saturday, January 22, 2022 5:51:56 PM

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Sincerely,

Charles Hurbert, D1

From: [Judi Gorski](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Cc: [Judi - gmail Gorski](#)
Subject: Public Comments re: File #211285 - Rules Committee Hearing Monday, January 24, 2022
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:35:30 AM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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*Sincerely,
Judi Gorski
SF Resident D4*

From: [Mike Regan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Mike Regan
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 11:51:28 AM

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My name is **Mike Regan**
My email address is **myoldgoat@yahoo.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Mike Regan

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From: [S garrett](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from S garrett
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:29:30 PM

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My name is **S garrett**
My email address is **shigar16@gmail.com**

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Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Stephen Gorski
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 12:45:47 PM

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My name is **Stephen Gorski**
My email address is **sjgorskilaw@gmail.com**

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From: [Roberta Borgonovo](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Roberta Borgonovo](#)
Subject: Item 6, File No. 211285
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:12:54 PM

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Item 6, File No. 211285: Oppose

In regards to [File No. 211285](#), Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment, I strongly oppose splitting appointments to a variety of unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

I do not believe dispersal of power is good government. San Francisco already is a difficult city to govern. Further diminishing the Mayor's ability to appoint members of these boards will make it more difficult to assign responsibility for making good decisions about many of our most difficult problems confronting San Francisco.

I urge you to vote **NO** to this proposal.

Thank you.

Roberta Borgonovo

2480 Union Street

San Francisco, CA 94123

From: [Karen Knuth](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Karen Knuth
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:13:15 PM

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My name is **Karen Knuth**
My email address is **kpuechner@msn.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Karen Knuth

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From: [Nelson Knuth](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Nelson Knuth
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:14:06 PM

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My name is **Nelson Knuth**
My email address is **nknuth@hcmcommercial.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Knuth

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From: [Teresa Durling](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Teresa Durling
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 1:35:34 PM

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My name is **Teresa Durling**
My email address is **tadurling@sbcglobal.net**

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Teresa Durling

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From: [Rosemary Newton](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Rosemary Newton
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:27:34 PM

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My name is **Rosemary Newton**
My email address is **rosenewton@comcast.net**

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Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Newton

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From: [Janev Dunlap](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Janev Dunlap
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 3:35:07 PM

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My name is **Janev Dunlap**
My email address is **jc_dunlap@hotmail.com**

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From: [Madison Clell](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Madison Clell
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:52:27 PM

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My name is **Madison Clell**
My email address is **madisoncuckoo@yahoo.com**

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From: [Ignacio Orellana Garcia](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Ignacio Orellana Garcia
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:09:22 PM

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My name is **Ignacio Orellana Garcia**
My email address is **volare232@hotmail.com**

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From: [Susan Churchill](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Churchill
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:13:49 PM

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My name is **Susan Churchill**
My email address is **churchladysnl@comcast.net**

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Susan Churchill

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From: [Jamie Kendall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:06:17 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**
My email address is **jkendall301@gmail.com**

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Jamie Kendall

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From: [Greg Syler](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Greg Syler
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:35:19 PM

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My email address is **sivakitty@yahoo.com**

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From: [Elizabeth Fox](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Elizabeth Fox
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:17:14 PM

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My email address is **ehfox1013@gmail.com**

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From: [lauren pierik](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:21:18 PM

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From: [Noelle Song](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Noelle Song
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:31 PM

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My name is **Noelle Song**
My email address is **noellesong008@gmail.com**

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From: [Lola Lee](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Lola Lee
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:59 PM

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My email address is **lolalee008@gmail.com**

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Lola Lee

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From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:20:26 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission. The BIC has itself included members who have used their positions to break Building Dept. rules, to their own and their friends benefit.

Furthermore, the Building Dept. has been rife with corruption, as illustrated in numerous media news stories, and has also been poorly run. I even heard that staff in Building and Planning departments' desks were reduced in size to accommodate Mr. Nuru's 'penthouse' - so small that staff can't easily roll out full building plans on desk top!

Despite City Attorney's clearing DBI of all charges, the corruption is still there.

Please support Proposed Charter Amendment on Building Inspection Commission, and strengthen it.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn
D5

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed "Good Government" Charter Amendment
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:32:18 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed "Good Government" Charter Amendment.

It is time to correct the many overly "strong mayor" aspects of the San Francisco Charter. Clarifying the role of the City Administrator is needed, particularly after the resignation during corruption investigations.

Splitting the boards and commissions of many bodies can allow more fruitful discussions.

I commend the sponsors of this amendment.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn

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From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed Filling Vacancies in Elected Offices Charter Amendment
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:50:38 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please support this Proposed Recall and Replacement of elected officials Charter Amendment.

California, and mainly other western states, have **three tools of direct democracy** that allow a majority of ordinary citizens to directly make or change law and to recall elected officials. The **Recall** allows CA voters to remove from office any statewide elected official at any time, and for any reason. A recall must provide signatures from registered voters equaling at least 12% of the total number of ballots cast in that elected official's last election.

These three California ideas came into being in 1911 because of the railroad control of business and government and corruption, thinking that voters could override business interests and bought politicians. State Recalls require signatures of at least 12% of the vote in the last election of that official, along with at least 1% of votes in five or more counties.

This legislation sets time limits on recalls, so that officials recently elected, or soon to be facing a re-election can focus on the job for which they were elected.

Another aspect is setting a new standard for how vacancies will be filled, rather than by the Mayor. Few cities or other governing bodies have vacancies filled by the Mayor or equivalent. These are elected offices, not gifts to be bestowed on favorites or used for succession planning.

Why Make Recall More Difficult? It's expensive. It could be called an excess of democracy, and undermine the independence of elected officials. It can be abused. More recalls are organized by business than by ordinary citizens, and often with less than a year before the next election. No special grounds for recall are required in most states. In SF, recalls can place even more power in the hands of the Mayor. The school board issues appear to be matters of policy, not rising to criminal acts.

I suggest that you consider adding:

1. Increasing the threshold of signatures for a recall. It is unreasonable that someone could be recalled and another elected with fewer votes than the incumbent had received. Other states with recall provisions require a higher percentage of voters signing on, and/or some gross violation of power or law, such as bribery or murder.

2. Change the time limit for signature gathering.

3. Make the official's subordinate take the position until election is due – for example, Governor is recalled, then Lieutenant Governor automatically becomes Governor. Alternately, if a board or commission, have them select a replacement, much as stated in the

It is time to correct the many overly "strong mayor" aspects of the San Francisco Charter.

I commend the sponsors of this amendment.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn

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Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: [Doug McKirahan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Doug McKirahan
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:55:22 PM

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My name is **Doug McKirahan**
My email address is **ratt57@pacbell.net**

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From: tesw@aol.com
To: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Monday: Proposed Charter Amendment- Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:12:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please oppose this Proposed Charter Amendment- Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.

This proposed amendment would eliminate much of the Planning Commission and the supervisors' authority over any housing development of more than 25 units, provided:

To be eligible, a project would need to set aside a percentage of units on-site as affordable to households earning no more than 140% of AMI, in an amount higher than what is otherwise required by the Planning Code, or provide 100% affordable housing. So a project that offers one more unit than the current legal requirement to people [making \\$149,000 for a family of two and \\$186,000 for a family of four](#), would be approved with no review at all. That's not exactly "affordable housing."

According to the 2015-2019 Census, in 2019 dollars, Median Income in San Francisco is \$68,883. Median Household Income is \$112,449. 10% of San Franciscans live below the out-of-date federal poverty line.

I would also point out that putting exact numbers into the charter, which is difficult to change, is not a good idea. San Francisco's economy and local incomes have gone up and down, and in the climate emergency, are more likely to go down.

This legislation is a gift to developers, not a benefit to city residents.

Instead, consider the model of Streamlining Affordable Housing that was done for City and School Board-owned land. That's 100% affordable.

Cordially,

Tes Welborn
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Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council [for identification purposes only]

From: [Gloria Maciejewski](#)
To: [Li-D9, Jennifer \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Waltonstaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Haneystaff \(BOS\)](#); [PrestonStaff \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Marstaff \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: No Charters / No Recalls!
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:37:05 AM

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Dear Ms. Ronen and Honorable Supervisors,

I plan on attending the Rules Committee meeting this morning and I want to express my concern for two issues. I am strongly against Mayor Breed's proposed charter amendment and in strong support of Supervisor Peskin's Recall Reform.

The recall of our school board is not unique. Similar situations are arising across the nation. Steve Bannon has been quoted as saying the right-wing should "start with the school boards" to build their strength in order to take back the house in the midterms. We see this strategy has already worked for Glenn Youngkin, who made education a primary point in his platform.

I have worked in this city for SFUSD since 1997. I have two children in public schools. I obviously have a lot of feelings about what is happening now during the pandemic and more acutely, during this latest surge.

To put it simply, the SFUSD needs more help in its finances. Our district has forever been treated like the unwanted stepchild of the so-called "City Family". The fact that our SF DPH did not appear at one of our BOE meetings is shocking to me. The Mayor suing our district to "open faster" or to make a plan as the district tried to muddle through was purely outrageous. Well, we opened and welcomed our students back. Yet here we are with a million-dollar recall and a proposal for charter schools. The recall, as I am sure you all must know, is funded HEAVILY by charter school privatizer, Arthur Rock. This is a template he has used in Oakland. I am literally sickened at the idea of closing public schools, which need our city to step up and help, to replace them with charter schools.

I urge all of you to strongly REJECT Mayor Breed's charter school proposal.

I also write today to also **thank Mr. Peskin** for his mindful and apid attention to the disturbing and disingenuous recall that is seizing our city currently.

I have been watching the entire process unfold and it is disgusting to see parent grief and frustration over school closure being leveraged to bring charter schools into our city. I feel that the school board recall, if successful in SF, will be used as an example nationally. I am very disappointed at my own supervisor for chiming in to support the recall.

Keep in mind that our schools are in crisis RIGHT NOW during the Omicron surge because solid health and safety measures, many brought to the table by UESF and OUR BOE, were dismissed by folks such as Jenny Lam and our school's chief financial officer, as being "unnecessary" and even "unscientific". I found in the fall that 1/3 of our teacher-librarians still did not have portable air cleaners. The "have and have not" inequity that always existed

between schools with robust PTA funding versus those without became even starker and indeed, I would argue even more deadly and damaging to the health of our students and staff?

There is major gaslighting going on across our nation and here in San Francisco. I was briefly a member of Decrease the Distance (now under the insulting name of SF Parents, as if they speak for me) I do **NOT** subscribe to the same ideas expressed in COVID19 denialism that we should just "let everyone get Omicron" or the lie that children simply do not carry and transmit the virus in the school setting (I have seen it) or that every case is "mild"?

Preposterous.

We are seeing more children hospitalized for this disease and we know really **NOTHING** about how the long-term health implications will play out, other than it is likely we will see our families of color suffer the most, yet again. We need to protect our kids and workers, yet the city just does not seem 100% committed to funding that need. As great a job as we have done with COVID19 as a city, I wish we could come together and support the district better. It should not be such a struggle to get the rapid tests, upgraded masks, etc.

Unfortunately, the parents wanting to reopen quicker, seem to want it at any cost, even with unprepared buildings and facilities and unvaccinated staff and students. Recalling our BOE in this manner (with money from billionaire dead set on charter school) is disgraceful.

Please, I urge you all to support Mr. Peskin's proposal and seek out even further ways to adjust or entirely eliminate this recall process. Our city should not be footing the bill for such political manoeuvring and undermining of our basic democratic elections. I have seen in Twitter already proposals for removing the Board of Supervisors in this manner. The fight against the recall of our DA will be the fight of a lifetime, I fear.

Please reject recalls and support the democratic process!

Thank you and good day,
Gloria Maciejewski
Parent, Educator, and Resident of D9
glowglow9@gmail.com
(415)627-8474

From: [Marianne Hesse](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Oppose Charter Amendments that Subvert Voter Rights and Obliterate Separation of Powers
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:58:29 AM

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From: [Allyson Eddy Bravmann](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Children's Agency charter amendment
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 12:03:44 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am a SFUSD middle school parent and a member of PEEF CAC. This measure has not been brought before the CAC to review for its potential impact on students, just as the recent budget cuts were not brought before us. Was the PEEF office invited to the Rules Committee today to speak on how the charter amendment would impact student services? The CAC had two meetings in January so there was no shortage of opportunity for the mayor or the BOS to have conversation with us.

It is true that the CAC has requested additional reporting but that reporting has to come from the budget office and superintendent's staff, not from the Board of Education. Denying PEEF funds because the mayor or the BOS have a policy disagreement with the Board of Education would mean denying everything from nurses to librarians to PE uniforms to students. PEEF is unique and precious in providing funds to our public school students for these programs, and it would be heartless to even threaten to withhold them from students because the grownups can't get along.

I ask that before moving this measure forward, please come to PEEF CAC and listen to the members who have been reviewing these programs and working with students.

Thank you,
Allyson Eddy Bravmann

From: [Jamie Kendall](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:34:19 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**
My email address is **jkendall301@gmail.com**

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Jamie Kendall

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From: [Kat Regan](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kat Regan
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 9:50:20 PM

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My name is **Kat Regan**
My email address is **meemom@gmail.com**

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Kat Regan

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From: [Douglas Churchill](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Douglas Churchill
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:26:04 AM

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My name is **Douglas Churchill**
My email address is **troutpi@comcast.net**

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From: [Susan Turley](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Turley
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:30:08 AM

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My name is **Susan Turley**
My email address is **seturley@gmail.com**

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From: [Kathy Crabe](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Kathy Crabe
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 9:09:35 AM

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My name is **Kathy Crabe**
My email address is **tallyhoagogo@gmail.com**

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Cc: [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#)
Subject: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials
Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2022 11:58:52 AM

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January. 26, 2022

Supervisors:

re: Please Remove opportunities for overlapping authorities by city officials

We totally support Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment to bring better accountability to the leadership at City Hall. It is really important for us to spread the balance of power at the top and appointments are a good place to start.

Please consider adding legislation that limits the number of positions all appointees, employees and staff may hold at any one time? The overlapping authorities with board and commission members sitting on oversight committees of their own departments, committees and commissions have created opportunities for the corruption exposed by State and Federal authorities that have turned San Francisco into a hotbed of political scandals.

We should limit each party's participation to a single position to remove such opportunities for abuse of power. We have enough smart informed citizens to take up the posts without the need for anyone to take on more than one position at a time. If you need to the abuse I refer to, you can look at any of our local publications for more than enough detailed discussions about the problems under investigation now.

As the supervisors know and the citizens are reminding you, the current system is broken. We need to rebalance the power at City Hall and give more citizens an opportunity to take on the responsibility for determining the city policies and priorities, that have been allowed to replace the legislative process in some departments. This removes the public voice and adds to frustration and animosity among the citizenry.

Please contact me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Mari Eliza, concerned citizen
with EMIA and CSFN
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From: [Erick Arguello](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); asha.safai@sfgov.org; [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File #211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2022 11:53:12 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Oppose Charter Amendment01252022.pdf](#)

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Please find an attached letter of opposition to the proposed Charter Amendment.

Thank you,

Erick

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January 25, 2022

Board of Supervisors
President, Shamann Walton
Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Calle 24 Latino Cultural District strongly urges the Board of Supervisors to reject the proposed charter amendment "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for our working class BIPOC families to live in San Francisco and undermines the goals, protections and vision for Cultural Districts. Truly affordable housing is key to maintaining communities intact and thriving.

The median income for a working-class family in the Mission is under \$50,000, which for a family of four falls below 40% AMI. The greatest need for our community is for housing between 30-50% AMI for families, and below 40% AMI for individuals. This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle-income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers,"(1) but our firefighters don't make nearly the stated money, and a teacher in the SFUSD (2) may never see the stated high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. In reality, most of these salaries fall below 80% AMI.

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As a result of the vast deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the new affordable housing units that have been built. Promotoras and organizations are signing up record numbers of families, but ultimately many are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because the odds of finding housing that is affordable to them are devastatingly slim.

The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to the ongoing displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy. Currently, the City of San Francisco already streamlines affordable housing, so this measure is truly no more than an effort to cloak market rate housing in the language of affordability, and undermine the self-determination of the communities of color that have long fought for truly affordable housing.

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This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our communities and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, whose projects effectively disenfranchise our working class BIPOC families and exacerbate displacement. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it disenfranchises our working class BIPOC families by prohibiting them from representing the concerns and needs of their communities before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity, truly community-serving ground floor uses, affordability, and to oppose gentrification and displacement.

We urge you to reject this ill-conceived proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence the voices of working class BIPOC families, to accelerate gentrification and displacement, and to extinguish the self-determination of our communities.

To truly build affordable housing with an equitable community plan it is imperative that the voices of BIPOC communities, who are the most adversely affected, are at the table to lead by their lived experiences. We would be happy to be at the table to lead those discussions.

Sincerely,



Erick Arguello
President and Founder
Calle 24 Latino Cultural District

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo

From: [Raquel Redondiez](#)
To: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Angulo, Sunny \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Temprano, Tom \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#); [David Woo](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: File # 211289 "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing"
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 8:55:00 AM
Attachments: [Opposing Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing Charter Amendment_SOMA Pilipinas.pdf](#)

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Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

SOMA Pilipinas Filipino Cultural Heritage Districts strongly opposes the proposed charter amendment titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" (File # 211289). We urge the Board of Supervisors to join with community based organizations and reject the proposed charter amendment.

This charter amendment is extremely misleading in its naming and does nothing to support affordable housing. Instead, this amendment appears to undermine existing affordable housing programs, such as the inclusionary housing program, and creates unaffordable housing that simply benefits private developers of market-rate housing.

By redefining "affordable housing" as 140% AMI, this charter amendment clearly shows that the proposed changes have nothing to do with actually creating affordable units. Currently, a 1-Bedroom "affordable" unit at 140% AMI, as defined by MOHCD, would cost \$3,729 per month. That is not affordable, and is even above the current market-rate value of a 1-bedroom apartment of \$2,850 per month according to Zumper as of January 2022. This charter amendment, in effect, creates the streamlining of 100% market-rate housing, pretending to be an "affordable" housing amendment. The "increased affordability housing projects" named in the amendment are also misleading in naming, as they barely provide an increase, and they provide the same 140% AMI unaffordable units.

The use of language surrounding "affordability" and "affordable housing" is being twisted in order to promote market-rate development that our communities do not need. In the South of Market, we need truly affordable housing, not more market-rate housing that causes increased gentrification and displacement. Working-class and low-income residents, families, and seniors (especially seniors on fixed income) need housing that ranges from 10-90% AMI. Our houseless neighbors need supportive housing. That is the actual affordable housing that is needed.

We ask the Supervisors to stand with us in rejecting this harmful charter amendment.

Sincerely,

Raquel Redondiez

Director, SOMA Pilipinas

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Raquel R. Redondiez
SOMA Pilipinas Director
Filipino Cultural Heritage District
Filipino-American Development Foundation



January 24th, 2022
Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl
San Francisco, CA, 94102

Re: File # 211289 “Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing”

Dear Rules Committee Chair Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors,

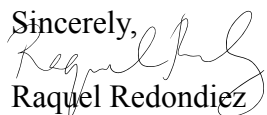
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Sincerely,

Raquel Redondiez
Director, SOMA Pilipinas

From: [Molly Goldberg](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Please reject File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing
Date: Monday, January 24, 2022 7:49:51 AM
Attachments: [2022-1-24 SFADC Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Please see the San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition's attached letter of opposition to the proposed charter amendment (File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing") on the agenda in Rules Committee today.

Thank you,

Molly Goldberg
Director, San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition
SFADC.org



January 24, 2022

Board of Supervisors
President, Shamann Walton
Chair Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition asks that you reject File # 211289, a misleadingly named measure that would lead to displacement of the communities that have long advocated for the genuinely affordable housing our city needs. Representing

The "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" charter amendment would actually streamline approvals for 100% market rate (unaffordable) housing projects, allowing developers to bypass the local programs that currently require affordable units to be built and to bypass input from the communities most likely to be displaced by the addition of luxury units to their neighborhoods.

If the Board approves this measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). While advertised as a necessary intervention to provide middle-income for teachers, firefighters, and nurses, workers in these sectors do not make nearly enough money to qualify for a 140% AMI unit. Further, a 1-bedroom apartment at 140% AMI is currently \$3,729 per month, not just unaffordable but also nearly \$1,000/month *above* market rate.

In order to protect this developer free-for all, the measure also limits public input and makes it impossible for the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to either represent the needs of communities and hold developers accountable, or provide a venue for communities to be able to represent themselves and advocate for equity and affordability and against gentrification and displacement. There is no need for this measure to be a charter amendment, except to diminish the voice and power of the parts of city government that might question the impacts that market rate development have on San Francisco residents.

We urge you to reject this charter amendment outright because instead of providing affordable housing, it silences communities, transfers power to developers, and undermines the very meaning of affordable. Please reject this deceptive charter amendment proposal when it comes before you at the Rules Committee.

Respectfully,

The San Francisco Anti-Displacement Coalition
SFADC.org

From: [Francisco Herrera](#)
To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Urgent: Opposition to file # 211289 - anti-affordable housing legislation
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 10:57:34 PM
Attachments: [LTF Street Needs Assessment Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment.pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Chair Peskin and the Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from the Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee regarding our opposition to **File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing**.

Thank you.

Francisco Herrera
Latino Task Force
Co-Chair, Street Needs Assessment Committee

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23 January 2022
Board of Supervisors
President, Shamann Walton
Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

The Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee strongly urges that the Board of Supervisors reject this proposed charter amendment for the June 7, 2022 ballot. This proposed charter amendment will make it impossible for families of middle or low income to be able to live in San Francisco. The misleadingly titled "Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing" would undermine decades of nation-leading affordable housing advocacy in San Francisco, and would lead to displacement of communities of color, like the Mission, that have led in that advocacy.

The LTF Street Needs Assessment Committee currently works to assess the needs of our families and individuals living on the street, in their cars and in RVs, as a result of the scarcity of housing that is affordable to them. **We continually bring the feedback in our advocacy that the greatest need is for housing below 50% AMI and that housing defined as "affordable" that exceeds 80% AMI is completely out of the reach of our community.** In addition to those living outside, there are hundreds of families living 2-3 families per apartment and families living in SROs, which has been a major contributor to the Latinx community being the hardest hit by COVID-19.

This proposed charter amendment does not serve the Latinx community.

If the Board approves this dangerous measure for inclusion on the June 2022 ballot, it will redefine "affordable housing" to 140% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Per MOHCD¹, the affordable rent for a 1-BR 140% AMI apartment calculates out to \$3,729 per month. The average market rent² for a 1-BR apartment in San Francisco is currently \$2,850 per month (this is updated from the reference in the charter amendment's findings). This means that the measure before you will streamline 100% market rate housing while masquerading as a measure that provides "affordable" housing.

¹ <https://sfmohcd.org/sites/default/files/Documents/MOH/Asset%20Management/2021%20AMI-RentLimits-HMFA.pdf>

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As a result of the deficit of truly affordable housing to families and individuals with incomes that fall below 50% AMI, thousands of applicants have been left to compete for the proportionately small number of units that have been recently built in the Mission. As an example, **when “La Fénix” at 1950 Mission Street opened for DAHLIA applications, more than nine thousand applicants applied for the 115 units available.** According to MOHCD documentation,³ 140% AMI means \$130,000/yr for a single person and \$186,500/yr for a family of four. In whose mind can this be considered affordable housing? The average income for a family of four in our community is less than half of that amount. Our families fall within the 30% - 50% of AMI levels.

This proposed measure describes how "there is a need to make it easier to build affordable and middle income housing to keep our city diverse." It mentions "nurses, firefighters, teachers, small business owners, retail and non-profit workers, and Muni drivers." It also mentions "service sector employers", etc. You can already see how the campaign will be spun, claiming to provide affordable housing for workers in all these professions and sectors. Unfortunately, however, a firefighter⁴ doesn't make nearly this much money, and a teacher in the SFUSD⁵ may never see this high of a salary. You'll find a similar disconnect with every one of the professions listed. The majority of the working people mentioned make \$50,000 - 90,000 a year and others make as low as \$35,000. It is a betrayal to insinuate that 140% AMI is affordable and if you can't afford it you can't live here.

Ultimately, so many members of the Latinx community are disenfranchised and feel hopeless because odds against them finding truly affordable housing are so great. As we tend to people forced to live on the street, families in their cars and RVs, renting a couch space in congregate living, **we find these types of policies are creating the very houseless crisis we are trying to resolve.** Market rate developments in the Mission have driven displacement while providing few units that are affordable to our families, and **gentrification continues to accelerate as high-end income earners move into San Francisco and drive up AMIs.**

This proposed charter amendment was not developed with or for our community and shifts all power to profit-driven developers, further seeking to disenfranchise our families. It is an attack on our very democratic process, as it prohibits our community from being able to organize to demand housing that serves the needs of our residents, to demand ground level uses that are truly community-serving, and to demand open space that's accessible and promotes our health and well-being. It also allows developers to take any density bonuses that desire to feed their bottom line, regardless of the impacts their developments have on our community and the harms they create for our struggling families who are vulnerable to displacement.

This proposed measure is a clear attempt to disenfranchise communities of color and would prohibit our residents from representing the concerns and needs of our community before the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Appeals to advocate for equity and affordability and against gentrification and displacement.

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We urge you to reject this proposed charter amendment outright. It is an attempt to silence Latinx voices and silence the self-determination of our community.

Respectfully,

The Latino Task Force Street Needs Assessment Committee

cc Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors
Clerk of the Board, Angela Calvillo
Legislative Aides of the Board of Supervisors

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To: [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: USM opposition to File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.
Date: Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:12:21 PM
Attachments: [USM Opposition to Housing Charter Amendment .pdf](#)

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Dear President Walton, Rules Chair Peskin and the Board of Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from United to Save the Mission regarding our opposition to File # 211289 - Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing.

Thank you.

Larisa Pedroncelli
member, United to Save the Mission



22 January 2022
 Board of Supervisors
 President, Shamann Walton
 Aaron Peskin, Rules Committee Chair
 1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett
 San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: File # 211289, Streamlining Review of Affordable Housing

Dear President Walton, Rules Committee Chair Peskin, and the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

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Sincerely,

United to Save the Mission

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January 31, 2022

Rules Committee

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Chair, Rules Committee

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Member, Rules Committee

The Honorable Connie Chan, Member, Rules Committee

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Second Reading — Agenda Item #3, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I have reviewed the Legislative File version 2 of this proposed Charter Amendment.

Although I fully supported Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors when it was introduced and debated during the Rules Committee hearing on January 24 (continued to January 26 due to the damaged fiberoptic cable that disabled SFGOV-TV), I have changed my support of this legislation.

Unless and until the two amendments to the legislation I suggested are incorporated into this Charter Amendment, I no longer support it, and will actively oppose it. My two suggestions were:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

As the Rules Committee heard on January 26, many other San Franciscans providing public comment voiced similar concerns and support that term limits **must** be added to this Charter Amendment.

The time to make these changes is when the Charter is opened for the June 2022 election, not much later down the road when you'd need to re-open the Charter again.

It is painful to withdraw my support, but I can't in good faith support this Charter Amendment without these two amendments to the legislation put before the voters.

Please place this additional testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

Westside Observer Newspaper

cc: The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Supervisor, District 2
The Honorable Gordon Mar, Supervisor, District 4
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5

The Honorable Matt Haney, Supervisor, District 6
The Honorable Myrna Melgar, Supervisor, District 7
The Honorable Hillary Ronen, Supervisor, District 9
The Honorable Shamann Walton, Supervisor, District 10
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Supervisor, District 11
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Victor Young, Clerk of the Rules Committee
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January 31, 2022

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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San Francisco, CA 94102

Second Reading — Agenda Item #5, Board File 211288: Charter Amendment, Fossil Fuel Divestment and Retirement Board Membership

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

As you know, the January 24 Rules Committee hearing on this proposed Charter Amendment was continued to January 26 due to the damaged fiberoptic cable that disabled SFGOV-TV part way through your January 24 meeting.

Although I appreciated Rules Committee Chairperson Peskin's remarks on Wednesday, January 26 when he complimented my public testimony saying I had raised a "*valid point*" about the inequity that 56,529 (86.7%) of all City employees and retirees — derisively called "miscellaneous" employees contemptuously — do not have equity via an elected seat on SFERS' Board of Trustees, Peskin's compliment does not change my position opposing this Charter Amendment.

Presumably, this proposed Charter change to the appointing authority to SFERS' Board of Trustees may be designed, in part, to obtain a Trustee who may be more inclined or open to helping SFERS divest from its fossil fuel portfolio. Two things are well known:

1. Former SFERS' Trustee Wendy Paskin-Jordan who had been appointed to SFERS' Board by then-Mayor Ed Lee was quite fond of reminding everyone of her friendship and professional relationship with Jeremy Grantham, and she kept assuring everyone that Grantham opposed divesting from fossil fuel investments.
2. The current three elected members of SFERS' Board who are all Public Safety members — Brian Stansbury, Joe Driscoll, and Croce "Al" Casciato — who now monopolize all three elected seats on SFERS' Board had vigorously waged an election campaign in 2016 to 2017 against then elected-Trustee Herb Meiberger to unseat him, falsely claiming Meiberger's opposition to both hedge funds and fossil fuel investments were harming retiree's pensions. That was a lie then, and it isn't true now. The 2016 election campaign was reportedly supported heavily by Local 21 and the building and construction trades unions that vigorously backed Supervisor Asha Safai, who was recently elected as Vice President of SFERS' Board.

As you must surely know, for the period ending June 30, 2021 the market-rate valuation of San Francisco's Retirement System portfolio jumped by a 30.6% return on its overall investment portfolio to a record-setting \$34.5 billion valuation. That stellar performance will potentially lower both the amount of City contributions (in millions!) to support the Retirement Fund in 2022 and beyond, and also potentially reduce the share of contributions current City employees pay in to fund the pensions of City retirees and their own eventual pensions.

Unfortunately, SFERS's massive gains did **not** include high returns from either its fossil fuel or hedge fund investments, both of which continue to either drag down the overall performance of the Retirement Fund, or contribute to missed investment opportunities that might yield higher ROI. We all know that SFERS' fossil fuel investments not only contribute to global warming, we know that the fossil fuel investments are rapidly becoming "*stranded assets*" that lose market share each passing day SFERS holds on to them.

As currently written, I *still* do not support Board File #211288, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Peskin and co-sponsored by Supervisors Preston, Melgar, and Chan to require that the Retirement Board divest from all of

it's fossil fuel investments, and that one of the two seats that the Mayor appoints to the Retirement Board be appointed instead by the Board of Supervisors.

As I noted, this Charter change legislation requires, at minimum, four substantial amendments:

1. Reduce the terms of service for the three appointed Trustees to three years, rather than five years.
2. Introduce term limits of each of the appointed members of the Retirement Board be for a maximum of two terms.
3. Although this Charter change would be opened to the electorate to expand appointing authority of appointments to the 11-member Board of Supervisors for *appointed* seats on SFERS' Board, it completely ignores that current and retired "miscellaneous" employees are still denied parity of *elected* members to SFERS' Board.
4. Eventually, 20 California counties formed the *State Association of County Retirement Systems* (SACRS), adopting provisions of the *1937 County Employees Retirement Law* (the *1937 Act Counties*). This proposed Charter change must include a provision that the City and County of San Francisco be required to join and become a member of SACRS, and adopt SACRS's elected-member equity ratio policy between public safety- vs. "miscellaneous" -employees elected from their separate ranks and seated in their defined seats on their Retirement System Board of Trustees.

None of these four recommendations should require a meet-and-confer process with the City's labor unions.

As I testified on January 26, after 84 years it's way past time for the Board of Supervisors to introduce a Charter change to grant parity (equity) to City employees on par with the 20 counties covered by the *1937 Act Counties* — by requiring a one-member Miscellaneous seat on SFERS' board (opened to election to only Miscellaneous current and retired members), a one-member Public Safety seat, (opened to election to only Public Safety current and retired members), and one Retiree seat (opened to election to both Miscellaneous and Public Safety Retirees) but restricted only to election of a *non*-Public Safety retiree. |

By changing how elections are held for the three elected seats to SFERS' Board, you may, however unintentionally, gain a "miscellaneous" member elected to the Retirement Board dedicated to helping advance fossil fuel divestments. It may be as simple as that.

And getting Supervisor Safai replaced on SFERS' Trustee Board may help hasten fossil fuel divestment, too, like his predecessor, former-Supervisor John Avalos, who had advocated strenuously to divest from fossil fuels while on the Board.

Unless you amend this Charter change legislation, I recommend the Rules Committee not pass this Charter Amendment or forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot. Instead, the Rules Committee should send a firm recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors opposing this Charter Amendment.

The Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors have a limited window to fix this injustice. Don't blow this chance! Fix this Charter change, while you have this opportunity.

Please place this additional testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211288.

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