

**From:** [Molly Goldberg](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File #22053- HSH Commission Proposal  
**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2022 10:41:35 AM  
**Attachments:** [2022-6-13 SFADC HSH Opposition unless amended.pdf](#)

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Anti Displacement Coalition (SFADC) regarding Supervisor Safai's proposed commission overseeing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The charter amendment is similar to the one that Supervisor Haney proposed in 2019, supported by the Coalition on Homelessness and other advocates at the time.

Unfortunately, SFADC cannot support this proposal as it currently stands. One significant difference between the 2019 proposal and Supervisor Safai's current language is the makeup of the commission. In the current proposal, the Executive branch holds the majority of the seats, as opposed to Haney's proposal in which seats were divided evenly between the Mayor and the Board with a tie breaker going to the Controller.

We support The Coalition on Homelessness and #30RightNow leader Jordan Davis— who is currently hunger striking on this issue— in their call for a minority of the Commission seats to be held by the Mayor.

Sincerely,

Molly Goldberg  
Director, SF Anti-Displacement Coalition  
[SFADC.org](http://SFADC.org)

June 13, 2022

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett  
San Francisco, CA 94102



Re: File #22053- HSH Commission Proposal

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Anti Displacement Coalition (SFADC) regarding Supervisor Safai's proposed commission overseeing the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. The charter amendment is similar to the one that Supervisor Haney proposed in 2019, supported by the Coalition on Homelessness and other advocates at the time.

Unfortunately, SFADC cannot support this proposal as it currently stands. One significant difference between the 2019 proposal and Supervisor Safai's current language is the makeup of the commission. In the current proposal, the Executive branch holds the majority of the seats, as opposed to Haney's proposal in which seats were divided evenly between the Mayor and the Board with a tie breaker going to the Controller. We support The Coalition on Homelessness and #30RightNow leader Jordan Davis— who is currently hunger striking on this issue— in their call for a minority of the Commission seats to be held by the Mayor.

Sincerely,

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

Cc: Supervisors Mandelman and Mar

**From:** [Anne Bluethenthal](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File 220535: Oppose HSH majority-Mayoral Commission unless amended  
**Date:** Friday, June 10, 2022 10:34:48 AM

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Anne Bluethenthal, I work in District 5, and I am a member of ABD/Skywatchers in the Tenderloin. I am writing to you to oppose the proposed HSH Charter Amendment (File: 220535) unless the following amendments are made.

1. That the commission not be majority appointed by the Mayor
2. That the commission have a seat for a permanent supportive housing tenant appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
3. That the seat for a merchant/neighborhood association member be eliminated.
4. That the OCOH Oversight Board can advise the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Safai, in drafting this Charter Amendment, did not listen to the community's needs. Nor did he engage stakeholders, including the voices of permanent supportive housing tenants that are often not heard.

In the April 26 Chronicle exposé on SROs used as supportive housing, it is well-established that the Mayor's Office has had its thumb on the scale for the past 20 years, with devastating effects on the quality of life of tenants whose living conditions remain inhospitable. SRO tenants need a way to elevate these issues.

Furthermore, a permanent supportive housing tenant who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors would add a voice that is not often heard in conversations around homelessness issues. On the other hand, representatives from neighborhood and merchant councils (currently Seat 4) have been heard from too much, and must be removed from the Charter Amendment. They do not have an understanding of the complex programmatic issues involving housing homeless individuals.

I am also concerned about language that does not allow for the Our City, Our Home

Oversight Board to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. That needs to be removed from the Charter Amendment as well.

The public is supportive of commissions that don't have majority-Mayoral appointments. Prop D, which put the Sheriff's Department under a 4 BOS-3 Mayor oversight board, passed with 68% of the vote in November 2020. There is no reason that this structure can't be replicated with real oversight over the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Please oppose the Charter Amendment unless the four recommendations above are incorporated. The city is tired of paper tiger commissions that do nothing, and it harms all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Anne Bluethenthal

Associate Artistic Director, ABD Productions / Skywatchers

<http://www.abdproductions.org>

"The function of art is to do more than tell it like it is – it's to imagine what is possible."

– bell hooks

**From:** [Kasey Rios Asberry](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [jodav1026@gmail.com](mailto:jodav1026@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** File 220535: Oppose HSH majority-Mayoral Commission unless amended  
**Date:** Friday, June 10, 2022 10:27:41 AM

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Kasey Rios Asberry, I live in District 5, and I am a member of Tenderloin Peoples Congress. I am writing to you to urge you to oppose the proposed HSH Charter Amendment (File: 220535) unless the following amendments are made.

1. That the commission not be majority appointed by the Mayor
2. That the commission have a seat for a permanent supportive housing tenant appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
3. That the seat for a merchant/neighborhood association member be eliminated.
4. That the OCOH Oversight Board can advise the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Safaí, in drafting this Charter Amendment, did not listen to the community's needs. Nor did he engage stakeholders, including the voices of permanent supportive housing tenants that are often not heard.

In the April 26 Chronicle exposé on SROs used as supportive housing, it is well-established that the Mayor's Office has had its thumb on the scale for the past 20 years, with devastating effects on the quality of life of tenants whose living conditions remain inhospitable. SRO tenants need a way to elevate these issues.

Furthermore, a permanent supportive housing tenant who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors would add a voice that is not often heard in conversations around homelessness issues. On the other hand, representatives from neighborhood and merchant councils (currently Seat 4) have been heard from too much, and must be removed from the Charter Amendment. They do not have an understanding of the complex programmatic issues involving housing homeless individuals.

I am also concerned about language that does not allow for the Our City, Our Home Oversight Board to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. That needs to be removed from the Charter Amendment as well.

The public is supportive of commissions that don't have majority-Mayoral appointments. Prop D, which put the Sheriff's Department under a 4 BOS-3 Mayor oversight board, passed with 68% of the vote in November 2020. There is no reason that this structure can't be replicated with real oversight over the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Please oppose the Charter Amendment unless the four recommendations above are incorporated. The city is tired of paper tiger commissions that do nothing, and it harms all stakeholders.

Sincerely,  
Kasey Rios Asberry  
District 5

**From:** [Curtis Bradford](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [DorseyStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File 220535: Oppose HSH majority-Mayoral Commission unless amended  
**Date:** Friday, June 10, 2022 10:20:46 AM

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Curtis Bradford, co-Chair of the Tenderloin People's Congress and have lived and worked in the TL for about 15 years. I currently live in District 6 part of the TL. I am writing to you to oppose the proposed HSH Charter Amendment (File: 220535) unless the following amendments are made.

1. That the commission ***not*** be majority appointed by the Mayor.
2. That the commission have a seat for a permanent supportive housing tenant appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
3. That the seat for a merchant/neighborhood association member be eliminated.
4. That the OCOH Oversight Board can advise the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Safaí, in drafting this Charter Amendment, did not listen to the community's needs. Nor did he engage stakeholders, including the voices of permanent supportive housing tenants that are often not heard.

In the April 26 Chronicle exposé on SROs used as supportive housing highlighted the devastating effects on the quality of life of tenants whose living conditions remain inhospitable. SRO tenants need a way to elevate these issues.

Furthermore, a permanent supportive housing tenant who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors would add a voice that is not often heard in conversations around homelessness issues. On the other hand, representatives from neighborhood and merchant councils (currently Seat 4) have been heard from too much, and must be removed from the Charter Amendment. They do not have an understanding of the complex programmatic issues involving housing homeless individuals.

I am also concerned about language that does not allow for the Our City, Our Home Oversight Board to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. That needs to be removed from the Charter Amendment as well.

The public is supportive of commissions that don't have majority-Mayoral appointments. Prop D, which put the Sheriff's Department under a 4 BOS-3 Mayor oversight board, passed with 68% of the vote in November 2020. There is no reason that this structure can't be replicated with real oversight over the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Please oppose the Charter Amendment unless the four recommendations above are incorporated. The city is tired of paper tiger commissions that do nothing, and it harms all stakeholders.

Sincerely,  
Curtis Bradford



**From:** [LIZA murawski](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Grier, Geoffrey \(DPH - Contractor\)](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to a proposed HSH Charter Amendment (File: 220535)  
**Date:** Thursday, June 9, 2022 11:41:46 PM

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Board Of Supervisors,

My name is Liza Murawski I live in District 5, and I am a member and Mentoring Co-Chair of the Tenderloins People Congress, and long time TL SRO resident. I am writing to you to oppose the proposed HSH Charter Amendment (File: 220535) unless the following amendments are made.

1. That the commission not be majority appointed by the Mayor
2. That the commission have a seat for a permanent supportive housing tenant appointed by the Board of Supervisors.
3. That the seat for a merchant/neighborhood association member be eliminated.
4. That the OCOH Oversight Board can advise the Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Safaí, in drafting this Charter Amendment, did not listen to the community's needs. Nor did he engage stakeholders, including the voices of permanent supportive housing tenants that are often not heard.

In the April 26 Chronicle exposé on SROs used as supportive housing, it is well-established that the Mayor's Office has had its thumb on the scale for the past 20 years, with devastating effects on the quality of life of tenants whose living conditions remain inhospitable. SRO tenants need a way to elevate these issues.

Furthermore, a permanent supportive housing tenant who is appointed by the Board of Supervisors would add a voice that is not often heard in conversations around homelessness issues. On the other hand, representatives from neighborhood and merchant councils (currently Seat 4) have been heard from too much, and must be removed from the Charter Amendment. They do not have an understanding of the complex programmatic issues involving housing homeless individuals.

I am also concerned about language that does not allow for the Our City, Our Home Oversight Board to advise the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. That needs to be removed from the Charter Amendment as well.

The public is supportive of commissions that don't have majority-Mayoral appointments. Prop D, which put the Sheriff's Department under a 4 BOS-3 Mayor oversight board, passed with 68% of the vote in November 2020. There is no reason that this structure can't be replicated with real oversight over the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Please oppose the Charter Amendment unless the four recommendations above are incorporated. The city is tired of paper tiger commissions that do nothing, and it harms all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

Liza M. Murawski

**From:** [Eleana Binder](#)  
**To:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [SafaiStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [PeskinStaff \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File 220535: Amend HSH Commission Charter Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, June 13, 2022 10:53:13 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

---

This message is from outside the City email system. Do not open links or attachments from untrusted sources.

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My name is Eleana Binder, and I am writing on behalf of GLIDE. We support the creation of an oversight commission for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, but only if there is balance in appointment authority, such that the Mayor appoints no more than three seats. In order to have more balanced accountability and oversight, the fourth seat could be appointed by the Controller or the Health Officer. In addition, one of the seats should go to a Permanent Supportive Housing tenant. Finally, the wording related to the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee should be changed to ensure that the Committee can make recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, not just the Commission, as follows:

17¶ → (3) → Amends Article XLI of Chapter 5 of the Administrative Code and Section  
18¶ 2810 of Article 28 of the Business and Tax Regulations Code, to provide that the Our City, Our  
19¶ Home Oversight Committee (“Oversight Committee”) shall advise and make recommendations  
20¶ to the Commission and the Health Commission, as well as the Mayor and the Board of  
21¶ Supervisor, in lieu of advising and making recommendations to the Mayor and the Board of  
22¶ Supervisors, on administration of the Our City, Our Home Fund (“Fund”) and on monies  
23¶ appropriated from the Fund, which monies are subject to the City budget approval process set  
24¶ forth in Article IX of the Charter, and to provide that the needs assessment conducted by the  
25¶ Oversight Committee shall inform the Department’s strategic planning process. This subsection

Please adopt these amendments so that the HSH Commission is the most effective it can be.

Thank you,

Eleana

--

**Eleana Binder**  
Policy Associate  
Center for Social Justice  
**GLIDE** 330 Ellis Street, Room 511, San Francisco, CA 94102

This email and any files transmitted with it are confidential and intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to which they are addressed. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender. Please note that any views or opinions presented in this email are solely those of the author and do not necessarily represent those of Glide. Finally, the recipient should check this email and any attachments for the presence of viruses. GLIDE accepts no liability for any damage caused by any virus transmitted by this email.