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Supervisor Connie Chan (via email: chanstaff@sfgov.org)
Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: File 220631 Proposed Charter Amendment – Affordable Housing Production Act

Dear Supervisor,

The San Francisco Labor Council is pleased to have been part of the Affordable Housing Production Act (AHPA) roundtable and the final version of the Act. We believe the measure links strong labor standards and increased affordable housing set asides which meet our standards laid out in our Housing Our Workers report. Supervisor Connie Chan did a tremendous job putting together a steering committee that strategized and heard labor concerns throughout the process of getting this on the ballot.

The legislation not only uses the standard adopted by the California Labor Federation but also takes into account the fact that working families are being driven out of the City because of the lack of affordable housing. APHA will be an important step toward addressing the affordability crisis.

This legislation will ensure that more housing gets built and will bring more affordable housing online faster. It will also make sure that the SF Building Trades will gain valuable jobs for SF residents.

For far too long, affordable housing has been put on the back burner. APHA makes a substantial dent toward creating real affordable housing and for that reason we believe this should be placed on the ballot and voters should pass it to make sure that the City, which was built by labor, can continue to have a strong union voice.

Sincerely,

Kim Tavaglione Executive Director

CC: San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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Dear Supervisor,

UNITE HERE Local 2 is pleased to support the Affordable Housing Production Act (AHPA). We commend Supervisor Chan for putting together this ambitious measure linking strong labor standards and increased affordable housing set-asides to faster housing approvals throughout San Francisco.

UNITE HERE Local 2 represents 14,000 hospitality workers in the Bay Area -- the hard-working people who make our tourist industry thrive. Central to our work is making sure everyone who works for a living has livable wages, fair and safe working conditions, affordable healthcare and the ability to retire with dignity.

AHPA is an important step toward addressing San Francisco's housing affordability crisis and its economic recovery that prepares San Francisco for its next chapter of growth. It links guaranteed rapid approval to more affordable units for San Francisco's working families alongside labor standards that ensure the projects are built by skilled and trained journey-level workers and apprentices earning fair wages with health and retirement benefits standards. AHPA also eliminating obstacles to building 100% affordable and educator housing and will help bring affordable housing to all parts of the City. Finally, it will create accountability and transparency in San Francisco's housing budget and annual progress reports from City departments and Mayor on the implementation of the year's affordable housing goals.

Local 2 is proud to support legislation that supports our members and working people throughout San Francisco. We urge you send this to November's ballot.

Sincerely,

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