



Member, Board of Supervisors
District 11

City and County of San Francisco

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May 31, 2023

Mayor London N. Breed
City Hall, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Your Letter Regarding Ordinance 0093-23

Mayor Breed:

I received your letter regarding my legislation to ensure that Planning, Building, and Public Works share an understanding of priority permits. As you note, you have had the chance to direct departments to improve permitting, but it has not happened yet.

I support laws that remove barriers to efficient permitting. This law tackles a different and serious management problem—City departments with divergent priorities. It makes no sense to be told a permit type is a priority for one agency but not at another. My office discovered this inconsistency when I was working to assist a housing development opening in our City. This law fixes that problem.

Ordinance 93-23, passed by a supermajority of supervisors, requires Planning, Building, Public Works, and the Permit Center to work together to create a shared understanding of priority permits. That's not bureaucracy—it's accountability for the residents and businesses of this City who demand better service quality from their government.

I fully expect the leadership of the covered departments to follow this law – and remain open to working with you when we can on behalf of San Franciscans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ahsha Safai".

AHSHA SAFAÍ
Supervisor for District 11

CC: Clerk, Colleagues