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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors' Land Use & Transportation Committee,

Please see the attached letter of support from Alex Bastian, President & CEO of the Hotel Council of San Francisco, for the proposed Ordinance to amend the Planning Code - File No. 230764 [Planning, Building Codes - Development Impact Fee Indexing, Deferral, and Waivers; Adoption of Nexus Study]. We strongly encourage you to support the proposed Ordinance as we believe it will streamline the development process in ways that are beneficial to our hospitality community without negatively impacting affordable housing production. We believe this will foster an attractive environment for investment in key assets including hotels, bars, restaurants, and entertainment in crucial areas of downtown, enriching the experience of city life for our workers, residents, and visitors.

Thank you for considering our input.

Best,
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Land Use and Transportation Committee
San Francisco City Hall
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

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We support the proposal to modify the annual indexing of certain development impact fees as this will help to create predictability in how the City's impact fees escalate from year to year, minimizing challenges to feasibility for new projects. We also support the proposal to enable developments to waive the portion of their fees that are relevant for hotel, restaurant, bar, and entertainment uses if those are already included in the development. We believe that this will incentivize those uses benefiting our stakeholders, the hospitality industry, and city as a whole. In addition, we support the proposal to temporarily exempt eligible development projects in specific zones including PDR, C-2 and C-3 Zoning Districts from all development impact fees, which we hope will encourage investment and incentivize growth in areas that have a positive impact on the hospitality industry, and by extension, our broader community. Furthermore, we support the proposal to allow the deferral of certain development impact fees until issuance of the first certificate of occupancy, as this would enable flexibility for developers inevitably facing financial realities in the initial stages of a project. Lastly, we support the proposal to adopt the San Francisco Citywide Nexus Analysis supporting existing development fees to make conforming revisions to Article 4 of the Planning Code.

We strongly endorse the proposed modifications to the Planning Code outlined in the Ordinance. We believe that the proposed changes will help to streamline the development process and enable flexibility for developers while encouraging investments in uses that benefit our stakeholders. We believe that these changes will create an attractive environment for investment in our downtown, paving the way for sustainable and feasible development that benefits our hospitality community while enriching the experience of city life for our workers, residents, and visitors.

Respectfully,

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Alex Bastian
President & CEO, Hotel Council of San Francisco



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