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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
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Re: Letter of Support for Gilbert Williams appointment to San Francisco Planning Commission

Dear Rules Committee members,

I'm Anastasia Yovanopoulos, Coordinator of San Francisco Tenants Union's Land Use and Planning Watch Committee writing on behalf of SF Tenants Union in strong support of Gilbert Williams' appointment to the Planning Commission.

SF Tenants Union has a long history of counseling tenants as well as involvement in land use and planning issues that affect tenants in our city.

Gilbert Willams is a native San Franciscan, a carpenter by trade and member of the Carpenter's union, and takes pride in being a neighborhood leader. He has been a strong advocate on behalf of working class communities in community planning and land use decisions for over a decade. We marvel at his enthusiasm as he has participated in the Race & Equity in All Planning Coalition. His experience as a homeowner as well as a tenant gives him a wide lens that helps him make decisions that best serve our most vulnerable communities.

On behalf of SF Tenants Union, I urge you to approve Gilbert William's appointment to serve as a San Francisco Planning Commissioner. Adding Gilbert Williams perspective will provide a balance that is needed on the Commission.

Respectfully,

Anastasia Yovanopoulos, Coordinator
SF Tenants Union Land Use & Planning Watch Committee