



March 14, 2024

President Aaron Peskin
Members, Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco CA, 94102

RE: File 231079

President Peskin and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I submit my veto of File Number 231079, the ordinance to reinstate density limits in certain districts in San Francisco.

In July of last year, I signed a law unanimously approved by the Board of Supervisors that made changes to support the creation of more homes in San Francisco, including by allowing for increased density without changing height limits. Now, this new ordinance will reverse some of those changes by adding back arbitrary density limits. We need to move forward, not backward.

Restricting new housing runs counter to the goals of our Housing Element, which the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved just over a year ago. It also runs counter to what we need to do to make this City a place that creates opportunities for new homes for the people who need them today and for future generations growing up in San Francisco.

This ordinance passes off anti-housing policy in the guise of historic protections. Existing rules already protect against impacts to historic resources. I believe we can add new homes while also supporting and improving the vibrancy of our unique neighborhoods. Many areas of San Francisco, including eastern neighborhoods like the South of Market, Potrero Hill, and the Mission, have also already removed density limits to encourage new housing.

The Board of Supervisors has duplicated this in committee to allow continued work on this proposal. While I am vetoing this legislation in its current form, I do encourage that work to continue as part of our efforts to make San Francisco a more affordable and inclusive city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "London Breed".

London N. Breed
Mayor