

From: [Marina O'Sullivan](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I oppose the appointment of Joanna Gubman to the SF Board of Appeals
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:15:46 PM

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Message to the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent Marina O'Sullivan

Email slatehouse@aol.com

I live in District

I oppose the appointment of Joanna Gubman to the SF Board of Appeals

Message:

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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I oppose the appointment of Joanna Gubman to the SF Board of Appeals
Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2024 7:04:04 PM

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Email alfenton@comcast.net
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To: [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: I oppose the appointment of Joanna Gubman to the SF Board of Appeals
Date: Thursday, December 12, 2024 12:04:02 AM

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Message to the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent Elizabeth Doyle
Email doylebetsy@netscape.net
I live in District

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Subject: I oppose the appointment of Joanna Gubman to the SF Board of Appeals
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Email nhaus2@yahoo.com

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