

**From:** [Shane Ortiz](#)  
**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:** Monday, December 23, 2024 11:07:00 AM

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## Message to the Board of Supervisors

From your constituent      Shane Ortiz  
Email                              shaneortiz43@gmail.com  
I live in District

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**From:** [Paul Lee](#)  
**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:** Friday, December 20, 2024 11:37:00 AM

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Email                              kwonglee223@yahoo.com

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**From:** [Carmen Woo](#)  
**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 19, 2024 7:51:41 PM

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Email                              aiya1288@yahoo.com

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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 18, 2024 6:11:34 AM

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From your constituent      yvonne keen  
Email                              yopoolshark13@yahoo.com  
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**Subject:** I oppose the appointment of Joanna Gubman to the SF Board of Appeals  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 17, 2024 4:18:32 PM

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