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San Francisco is best known for its diversity of culture, people, and ideas. It's what attracts so many people to visit our beautiful city and what makes it such a wonderful place to call home. We are seeing record numbers of new residents, yet we are also seeing many families leave. San Francisco has the lowest number of children of any major city in US. A mere 18% of households have children compared to the nationwide average of 29.4%.

The need for action is clear. San Francisco must reverse the trend and attract more families to live in San Francisco. When we lose our families, we lose part of what makes San Francisco a strong, vibrant community.

As a City, we have shown a commitment to children, youth and families through the historic creation of the Children & Youth Fund, investing millions to support wellness, afterschool, and educational programs. In 2014, the voters of San Francisco also established the Our Children, Our Families Council, which brings together all City departments in order to streamline direct services, but also focus on how we can make our infrastructure—transportation, streets, housing—more efficient for families with children.

One of the major crises we are facing is housing affordability. Due to the high cost of living, we are seeing families getting priced out of the City. While this is a large factor, another issue that hasn't garnered as much needed attention is that we are not building housing for new families. In order for us to retain and attract families with children, we must look at ways we can make San Francisco family-friendly by design. What elements and attributes make a building fit for families with children? What factors create an environment that allows families to grow into their homes? That was why I introduced legislation calling on the Planning Department to develop a policy paper on defining family-friendly housing.

As a City, we need to promote family-friendly housing and incentivize building more housing designed for families at all income levels.

This policy paper will discuss:

1. The current trends in San Francisco's housing stock.
2. The current demographics of family and housing situation.
3. Characteristics of child friendly housing.
4. Ways of improving existing housing developments for families.
5. Case studies from other cities in family friendly housing standards.

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As a San Francisco parent and an educator, I believe that children and families must be one of our greatest priorities if we want thriving neighborhoods and healthy communities.

This paper is a starting point and I hope that we will think boldly about ways we can bring these ideas into action. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the incredible staff at the Planning Department, many of whom are working parents, who have worked tirelessly on this paper.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norman Yee".

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