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Dear Ms. Calvillo:

RE: File No. 170870

Ordinance amending the Existing Building and Fire Codes to require buildings sold or transferred after September 1, 2017, to comply with fire alarm system upgrade requirement for sleeping areas, and to exempt mandatory seismic strengthening alterations and transient Hotels from those requirement; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings under the California Health and Safety Code; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.

The Building Inspection Commission met and held a public hearing on August 16, 2017 regarding the proposed amendment to the San Francisco Building and Fire Codes. The Commissioners voted 4 to 3 to support the Building Code amendment, with Commissioners Walker, Clinch, and Warshell dissenting. There was extensive discussion among the Commissioners that they supported the intent of the legislation; however they wanted to know the basis for transient hotels being excluded from the legislation.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

President McCarthy	Yes	Vice President Walker	No
Commissioner Clinch	No	Commissioner Gilman	Yes
Commissioner Konstin	Yes	Commissioner Lee	Yes
Commissioner Warshell	No		

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 558-6164.

Sincerely,



Sonya Harris
Commission Secretary

cc: Tom C. Hui, S.E., Director
Mayor Edwin M. Lee
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