

From: [Helena Birecki](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting File #200647 [Initiative Ordinance - Authorizing the Development of Up to 10,000 Affordable Rental Units in the City Under Article 34 of the California Constitution]
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 8:01:54 AM

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Dear members of the Rules Committee,

As a District 9 San Francisco resident, I am writing to support the proposed ordinance to authorize the city to develop affordable housing for 10,000 plus SF residents. Thank you Supervisor Ronen for co-sponsoring this!

The lack of affordable housing in San Francisco exacerbates a trio of crises we face--

- the climate and environmental crisis -- because residents are being displaced, and then have to commute long distances to work adding to greenhouse and particulate pollution.
- the public health crisis-- especially with COVID, the dangers of not having a safe space to distance from others, wash and sleep has been brought to the fore. We also know the dire health harms from [air pollution](#) directly, and in combination with [COVID](#).
- the mental health crisis-- in [this video](#) Supervisor Ronen posted to Twitter back in April, Richard, an unhoused San Franciscan, sums it up : *"Being inside, in a warm place, and a place that you can lay your head, it gives you peace of mind, that you can work out the problems that are upon yourself. ... and those problems get easier because now, you can think."*

If San Francisco is serious about a healthy future, affordable housing is key. This ordinance will lay the ground for a pilot municipal housing program that will begin to address our homelessness crisis and serve the needs of the city's working and middle classes.

More market-rate housing will never fix the problem for low-income tenants. We need deeply affordable housing to reverse gentrification, and reverse the de facto segregation that rules like CA article 34 actually worsened.

Please wholeheartedly recommend this ordinance to the full Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,
Helena Birecki,
SF Climate Emergency Coalition steering committee member

From: [Alison Burek](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: District 9 Voter in Support of Social Housing!
Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:47:06 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing in support of the ordinance proposing 10,000 units of affordable housing to be created in San Francisco.

The housing crisis in SF has existed for decades, and the pandemic and recession has exacerbated matters by threatening many with eviction. The foundation of public health is safe, clean housing. This ordinance will negate a racist barrier to municipally-owned social housing, passed in 1950 by segregationists, and allowed municipalities to exclude low-income tenants and people of color, particularly Black tenants.

By green-lighting affordable housing, SF will enable a pilot municipal housing program to go forward. This program will begin to reverse the racist history of housing in SF and the United States, while also addressing homelessness and serving the needs of the City's working and middle classes.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Alison Burek
District 9

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Dear clients - For urgent matters please text me at 415-425-7767.

From: [Jeff Weitzel](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Supporting File #200647 [Initiative Ordinance - Authorizing the Development of Up to 10,000 Affordable Rental Units in the City Under Article 34 of the California Constitution]
Date: Sunday, July 19, 2020 10:25:24 PM

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Supporting File #200647

Dear Supervisors Ronen, Stefani, and Mar,

I am writing in support of Supervisor Preston's motion to give San Franciscans the chance to vote for city owned affordable housing. As a resident of District 9, I would like to thank Supervisor Ronen for co-sponsoring this motion.

You are well aware of the critical shortage of housing in San Francisco. In our dire situation, it is unacceptable to rely on market forces alone to provide enough affordable housing for every San Franciscan that needs it, especially in a time frame that matches the need. The city itself is the obvious, natural developer and landlord for the affordable housing we need, as it is less subject to questionable incentives than private entities. Certainly, the fact that the city lacks the legal authority to create more affordable housing itself is an egregious missing tool in the toolbox.

I urge you to move the motion forward to the full Board, and that it be passed there and the issue turned over to the voters of San Francisco. Not doing so will only perpetuate and widen the disparity between the well off and the disadvantaged in San Francisco.

Jeffrey Weitzel

From: [Mchugh, Eileen \(BOS\)](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: SUPPORTING Rules Committee Agenda Item #2 Initiative Ordinance - Authorizing the Development of up to 10,000 Affordable Rental Units in the City under Article 34 of the California Constitution File #200647
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:47:23 PM

This too.

Thank you!

From: aeboken <aeboken@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2020 4:03 PM
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TO: Board of Supervisors members

I am supporting this initiative ordinance to expose the flaws in California Constitution Article 34.

Eileen Boken
Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods*

* For identification purposes only.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Nick Parker](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: BoS meeting Re: HUB development
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 2:52:19 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to this meeting as I'm in a noisy place that prohibits me commenting over the phone.

My concerns with this development are simple. We need affordable housing for the working people of this city. As a small business owner, I have had trouble finding people to work at my business at 201 Octavia St. because no one can at present afford to live in this city. I am also concerned that the high density of some aspects of this project will cause major transportation disruptions with the added Uber, Lyft, and delivery vehicles circling the area, servicing the high rise buildings.

It's important to consider all aspects of this project.

Thank you,
Nick Parker

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