



## BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION (BIC)

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Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
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**RE: Ordinance (#091113 – Mayor Gavin Newsom) finding a compelling public policy basis for expediting the processing and review of permits for voluntary seismic retrofit upgrades of soft-story, wood-frame buildings and amending the Planning Code, Building Code, Fire Code, and Public Works Code to waive permit processing fees for the proportionate share of work related to such seismic retrofit upgrades; making environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.**

Dear Ms. Calvillo:

On January 20, 2010 the Building Inspection Commission held a meeting and heard public testimony on the proposed ordinance referenced above.

The Commissioners voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve this Ordinance. A copy of the Ordinance is attached

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Marie Aherne".

Ann Marie Aherne  
Commission Secretary

Attachment

cc: Mayor Gavin Newsom  
Supervisor David Chiu  
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Gavin Newsom, Mayor  
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January 14, 2010

Building Inspection Commission  
1660 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: Proposed Ordinance File # 091113  
Seismic strengthening of soft-story, wood frame buildings

Honorable Members of the Commission:

At the regular meeting of January 13, the full Code Advisory Committee (CAC) deliberated on a proposed ordinance (Mayor Newsom File 091113) finding a compelling public policy basis for expediting the processing and review of permits for voluntary seismic retrofit upgrades of soft-story, wood-frame buildings and amending the Planning Code, Building Code, Fire Code, and Public Works Code to waive permit processing fees for the proportionate share of work related to such seismic retrofit upgrades; making environmental findings and findings of consistency with the City's General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1. The CAC voted unanimously to recommend non-support of this ordinance as written.

Key concerns include the following:

- The ordinance seems premature in that standards for this type of retrofit were currently being developed through the CAPPS program.
- The incentives seem inadequate to generate desired participation
- The City should help make retrofit project financing options available

The CAC duly forwards this recommendation to the Building Inspection Commission for their further action.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kirk Means".

Kirk Means  
DBI Technical Services Division  
Secretary to the Code Advisory Committee

cc: Vivian L. Day, C.B.O., Director  
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