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**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
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**Subject:** Comments of behalf of NUHW  
**Date:** Monday, September 13, 2021 12:30:31 PM

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Dear Erika,

Please see the correspondence below from Sal Rosselli, President of NUHW, related to today's land use committee meeting:

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Dear Board of Supervisors Land Use Committee,

I'm writing on behalf of the National Union of Healthcare Workers (NUHW) to support the fourth item on today's agenda, the ordinance requiring conditional use authorization for loss or change of use for residential care facilities and streamlining the creation of new facilities. NUHW represents mental health clinicians at Broderick St. Residential Care Facility, a 33-bed residential care facility run by a non-profit contractor of the San Francisco Department of Health. The facility serves adults with serious mental illness including co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, seeks to transition and stabilize adults to long-term housing in the community.

The pilot version of this ordinance already helped the city preserve these essential facilities and improve conditions by changing the dynamic of power between the city and the property owners. Owners will not be incentivized to allow facilities to fall into disrepair in anticipation of converting their buildings to other residential or commercial uses. That will place the city in a stronger position to secure new leases to house patients. We saw that happen at the Broderick Street facility, and we expect that the program will safeguard many other residential care facilities as well.

San Francisco doesn't have nearly enough residential care facilities to house people who need community-based long-term care. We support any efforts to protect and expand these essential services.

Yours truly,

Sal Rosselli  
President, NUHW

**From:** [Christina Shea](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: RAMS supports the " ordinance amending the Planning Code to eliminate the requirement of Conditional Use Authorization for Residential Care Facilities for seven or more people in Residential, House (RH) Districts."  
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RAMS started the operations since 2005 (not 2015)

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On Mon, Sep 13, 2021 at 9:44 AM Christina Shea <[christinashea@ramsinc.org](mailto:christinashea@ramsinc.org)> wrote:  
RAMS supports the " ordinance amending the Planning Code to eliminate the requirement of Conditional Use Authorization for **Residential Care** Facilities for seven or more people in **Residential**, House (RH) Districts."

Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. (RAMS) is in support of granting land use for residential facilities (Adult 18-59; Elderly 60 and up) in San Francisco.

RAMS has been operating a 33-bed adult residential facility since 2015. Broderick Street Adult Residential Facility (BSARF) provides board and care to adults who suffer from serious mental illnesses. Many of them have experienced (or are experiencing) substance

use disorders, medical/physical conditions (insulin dependent diabetes, hypertension, obesity, incontinence, mobility, etc.), most of them have experience significant trauma in their lives (racism, domestic and community violence, abuse, molestation, trafficking, etc.) and many of them have previously experienced homelessness. In addition to basic room and board care (3 meals and two snacks per day), RAMS-BSARF provides on-site psychiatric/medication and counseling services, nursing care, medical management, case management, conflict resolution, recreational and activity based groups, therapeutic based groups, outings, cultural holiday celebrations, etc.

RAMS-BSARF is unique in its own way as it is a combination of board and care and outpatient mental health services. Many residents consider this to be their home. Without RAMS-BSARF, many of our residents may end up homeless, hospitalized or even dead. Funded by SFDPH, RAMS strives to maintain high quality of care but struggles to keep long time caring staff due to the high cost of living in San Francisco and the lack of parity increase in our budget. When our residents age out (over 60 years old) there is no residential care for the elderly (RCFE) that provides comprehensive services like ours in San Francisco, and our residents may have to wait for months and even years before a bed opens up outside of San Francisco. In the end, RAMS-BSARF continues to serve many elderly residents as they age out.

Many smaller (6 beds and less) board and care homes have closed in the past few years due to the high cost of operations in San Francisco. We support land use for larger (7 beds and more) residential care facilities in San Francisco. This may be one important and significant solution to decrease homelessness permanently in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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**From:** [Jennifer Friedenbach](#)  
**To:** [Major, Erica \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Sara Shortt](#)  
**Subject:** Letter in Support of making Residential Care Facilities Ordinance 9/13 permanent  
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September 14, 2021

Supervisor Melgar  
Supervisor Preston  
Supervisor Peskin  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisors,

This is a letter of support for the ordinance to make Conditional Use requirement permanent for the loss or change of use from an existing residential care facility.

The loss of board and care facilities has contributed greatly to homelessness over the years. In the 1970's we had in San Francisco a vibrant mental health community care system, and board and cares were key to that. Since then, we have lost over 2,500 of these beds. The conditional use requirement gives the community and city a chance to preserve these buildings for the common good, instead of being turned into mini mansions. The buildings can be a great form of housing that adds diversity to the portfolio - whether the board and care is preserved as a board and care, or the building is used as a co-op for the mental health system or some other form of shared housing that serves people who are poor, elderly, have disabilities and need support to live independently. The main goal, however, is to preserve them for our city, so that individuals do not end up homeless.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Given the Delta surge, ArtAuction21 has moved online for the safety of everyone. We will have a live auction and virtual kick off party to commence online bidding on September 9th, 2021 - activities start at 5:30, live auction at 7:30 pm. Silent Auction bidding will end September 23rd and we will host a special trivia game to close us out.

To view our art go to [ArtAuction21: Transforming Art into Action & Reconnecting in Resilience](#)

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Please note: We moved to 280 Turk Street x Leavenworth, SF CA 94102

The ache for home lives in all of us, the safe place where we can go as we are and not be questioned.

Maya Angelou