

February 22, 2010

Land Use Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Discretionary Review (DR) Reform

Dear Supervisors:

I would like to voice my support of the DR reforms, item number 091020. I encourage you to forward this item with recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors. I feel these reforms will lead to increased quality control, better communication between neighbors and the review board, and will professionalize the process.

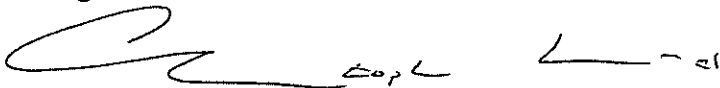
My understanding is that current legislation gives any person the power to halt a project for design review. Although it is stated this must be for an exceptional and extraordinary reason, I believe some projects are put under DR review for other reasons. A separate committee reviewing these projects would ensure DR reviews are warranted and necessary.

I also believe that a better process will lead to earlier understanding of projects and communication between builders and neighbors. Some projects are halted for DR review simply because the neighbor feels they have no other forum to have their concerns addressed.

I feel that these reforms will better serve members of the public utilizing this tool when architectural plans and issues arise out of projects that come before the Planning Department. Eliminating the need for many of the DR's we've seen in the past, opening the calendars of the Planning Department for larger more important project reviews.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher H. Lord". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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