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February 17, 2010

The Honorable Supervisors Sophie Maxwell, Eric Mar, and David Chiu  
Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors  
One Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: Discretionary Review – Planning Department Fees  
Item No.: 091020  
Land Use Committee:**

Dear Supervisors Maxwell, Mar, and Chiu:

On behalf of the Outer Mission Merchants and Residents Association (OMMRA), its Executive Board and members, we wish to encourage you to forward this item with recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors. We feel that these reforms will better serve associations and members of the public who utilize this tool when architectural plans and issues arise out of certain projects that come before the Planning Department.

Although this tool is only used by OMMRA with a referral, by its members or the Executive Board, on a basis that has to go through strict scrutiny, we want the Planning Department to make it a priority for Project Sponsors to conduct “Pre-Application Meetings.” This will serve, or hopes to serve, as a further tool to prevent more Discretionary Review (DR) Applications being filed and those concerned with a project talking to the owner/project sponsor. The filing of DRs can be abused by disgruntled neighbors, which should be discouraged.

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All in all, OMMRA supports these reforms and wishes to express our gratitude with the Planning Department's support for neighborhood associations and The Honorable Supervisors Sophie Maxwell, Eric Mar, and David Chiu Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors The Honorable Supervisors Sophie Maxwell, Eric Mar, and David Chiu Land Use Committee of the Board of Supervisors members of the public who use this tool with respect and forthrightness.

Sincerely,

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