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Subject: SUPPORT DR REFORM

Dear Supervisor Chiu:

Having followed the Planning Department's community outreach efforts over the last several months, the SF Housing Action Coalition (SFHAC) supports the Department's proposal for DR reform.

As you may know, because SFHAC is not really involved with housing developments of less than 10 units, we seldom concern ourselves with discretionary reviews.

However, SFHAC strongly believes that DR badly needs reforming because of how minor projects currently consume far too much of the Planning Commission's valuable time. We firmly believe that excessive resources and energy consumed by inconsequential projects that could be handled administratively prevent the Commission from spending the time required by issues of far more importance to the City.

The SFHAC believes that the proposed new language defining "exceptional and extraordinary" circumstances deserves to be tested. If the proposed reform results in fewer DRs reaching the Planning Commission and allows them to be settled administratively, this would be a very positive outcome.

On behalf of SFHAC, I respectfully urge you to support Planning staff's carefully-conceived reform proposal.

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