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Honorable Supervisors

The St. Francis Homes Association (SFHA) wishes to offer our support of the San Francisco Planning Department's proposal of the Discretionary Review Reform efforts. Additionally, we respectfully urge the Land Use Committee to forward the final DR Reform package, as proposed and endorsed by the Planning Commission, to the full Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to approve.

The DR Reform efforts currently underway are timely and are a much needed undertaking. In understanding the need to balance both neighborhood and homeowner rights, SFHA shares the Planning Commission's desire to reform the current process while retaining the positive value of Discretionary Review. The DR Reform package as proposed would improve the design review process, which would benefit both owners and neighbors with a more predictable process.

SFHA is comprised of over 560 single-family homes. We feel that the DR Reform proposal will help to preserve the high quality architecture found throughout our neighborhood while providing homeowners with a less stressful, less political, and more manageable process to navigate when trying to remodel their homes. It is our belief that other neighborhoods throughout the city will similarly benefit from the new process, as the Planning Department staff has worked tirelessly with the community to draft a proposal that will benefit all San Franciscans.

Thank you for your consideration of St. Francis Homes Association's support of DR Reform.

Very truly yours,

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