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Land Use Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Re: Discretionary Review (DR) Reform

Dear Supervisors,

This is in response the proposed DR reforms as presented to Upper Noe Neighbors by Planning Department staff on January 21,2010. I apologize for the delayed response.

I do not claim to be an expert on the DR process; but have had 1/3rd of my view removed by a project that expanded after initial permitting, so I understand the need.

I have rarely heard a reform proposal that seems to address so many of the issues with a process at once. I fully support the trial period and the suggestion to extend it to 3 years. It is impossible not to encourage a reform that provides so much relief and inspiration to the hard working planners in the department.

I fully expect that some details will need to be ironed out; but I cannot see why this would not be tried. It sounds like there are some tragic processes in place right now that cause needless cost and difficulty, especially to individuals.

Please get behind this reform, at least to try it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Owner

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