

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS  
San Francisco Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Letter in Support of Discretionary Review Reform

Dear Planning Commission:

I strongly support the Planning Commission and Planning Department's efforts to reform the Discretionary Review process. Under the current DR process, there are too many opportunities for abuses such as frivolous DR hearings that squander time and resources of not only homeowners wanting to improve their homes but also the Planning Commission and Planning Department.

The proposed improvements are well-designed, comprehensive, and will be a benefit to all. The proposed improvements to the Planning Department's internal review will provide a more predictable and consistent process for permitting and will minimize the arbitrary and political nature of the current DR process.

I greatly appreciate the Planning Commission and Planning Department being proactive in improving the DR process.

Please approve the Planning Department's proposed improvements.

Sincerely,

Patricia and William Magee

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- ⑧ In addition to the above, I recently went through a DR Process which was a waste of the commission's time. The DR sponsor hired a lawyer who used the hearing as a means to lobby against single family dwellings becoming rental properties. As this has merit, it was not the place to make this challenge given our plans had met code entirely. As a result of this, our plan approval has now been delayed by 6 months. We are born and raised San Franciscans who just wanted to expand our home for our growing family. It is a shame that well intentioned people have to suffer as a result of flimsy DR complaints.