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Subject SUSPECT: Writing in support of the new DR process  
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San Francisco Planning Department  
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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as the owner of a home in the Ingleside Terraces. My wife and I went through the DR process after over a year of negotiations with our neighbors and the Ingleside Terraces Homeowners' Association. We tried unsuccessfully to avoid going to DR by trying to meet the on-going demands of one of our neighbors. The City planner can attest to the fact of how many numerous revisions we went through, widdling our project down to the point where my wife and I decided to go to DR having no other options.

My experience was that the DR process was unfair and unnecessary. It pits neighbor against neighbor. I can't help but to wonder how many successful negotiations have actually resulted from this process. Even though our project, which originally was designed to comply with the City's planning guidelines, nonetheless had to be reduced only to comply with the demands of two neighbors in the process to try to avoid DR. I believe it would have been a much more fair and uniform process had we been able to follow a process such as this new one being proposed with the Residential Design Committee and the hearing judge. I believe it would help to avoid some of the unfair and arbitrary demands that project sponsors must contend with to have their projects approved in this City.

I urge you to support the proposal for this new process.

Sincerely,

Victor Tam  
owner

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