

To John Rahaim
Director of Planning.

I am a former victim of the planning process. I use the word VICTIM because as a property owner in SFO my neighbors appear to have been empowered by the city to bring claims against my rights than I must defend at my cost before a panel of planners who's ideas are to seek a compromise at my expense so that each party feels that they won

In actuality, nobody wins. The system no longer works as neighbors now have learned that the city has empowered them at very little cost. This misuse of power will eventually result in some sort of compromise at the owners and government expense.

I would like to see the following changes

Settle all cases within the planning department for residential building permits that meet code.
Local neighborhood association must be present for any case heard by the planning commission.
Place more demands on the local neighborhoods association to create their own guidelines.
Make neighbors accountable for their actions.

All testimony should be under oath to prevent the lies and misrepresentation of the information issued to the planning department or commission.

Place a dollar limit on how much the planning department or commission can ask from a homeowner to provide to defend his case when his request meets city code.

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