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Dear Interested Parties:

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The Planning Department is conducting two community outreach meetings regarding **Discretionary Review Reform** on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, and on Tuesday, February 2, 2010. These meetings will be held at the Planning Department, 1650 Mission Street, Room 431, from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

The Discretionary Review Reform effort was most recently heard at the Board of Supervisors Land Use and Economic Development Committee hearing on November 23, 2009. At this hearing, the Committee recommended that Planning staff continue to work with the community regarding details of the proposal. In an effort to analyze and further refine the proposal, Planning staff solicited recent project examples where the community felt that the Department's new design review procedures did not result in a quality project. Planning staff has collected these examples and would like discuss the Department's findings with the community at these upcoming meetings. The Department continues to invite suggestions of how to further improve the Discretionary Review Reform proposal.

If you will attend this meeting, please RSVP to Lisa Chau via phone at 415.575.9042 or via email to lisa.chau@sfgov.org, prior to close of business on Monday, January 25, 2010.

Please note: On February 22, 2010, the Land Use and Economic Development Committee will hold a hearing on Planning Commission's Discretionary Review Reform proposal in Room 263 at City Hall at 1:00 PM. Please see our website http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=1891 for more information on the Discretionary Review reform effort and the Planning Department's *Action Plan* 2008-2010.

Thank you for your interest in reforming the Discretionary Review process.

Sincerely

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