

November 15, 2025

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Land Use and Transportation Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Support for Chan and Chen Amendments and Request for Pause and HCD Oversight on the Family Zoning Plan

Land Use and Transportation Committee Agenda Items 4-7, November 17, 2025, Board File Nos. 250700, 251073, 251072, 230001, 250701, 250985, 251071, 250966, “Family Zoning Plan”

Dear Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Neighborhoods United SF, we respectfully urge the Land Use and Transportation (LUT) Committee to take the following actions regarding Mayor Lurie’s proposed Family Zoning Plan:

1. **Adopt the amendments** introduced by Supervisors Connie Chan and Chyanne Chen.
2. **Place a pause** on the process given the extraordinary and unsettled circumstances in District 4.
3. **Recommend a “Committee of the Whole”** session before forwarding this legislation to the full Board of Supervisors.
4. **Request an extension** from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to allow for full review, transparency, and participation.
5. **Require HCD leadership to attend** Land Use and Transportation hearings, the Committee of the Whole, and full Board meetings to provide clear, direct answers on state compliance criteria and housing capacity calculations.

Below is further context for each request:

1. Adopt the Chan and Chen Amendments

These amendments take essential steps to protect sound housing, historic resources, and our shoreline, while helping ensure that new development truly serves working families and essential workers, not luxury developers.

2. Pause the Process in Light of District 4 Circumstances

Given the extraordinary and unsettled conditions in District 4, including the lack of representation and multiple unresolved planning and mapping inconsistencies, it is imperative that the City pause the process. Proceeding without full district representation would be premature and would further erode public confidence in the City’s planning process.

3. Convene a Committee of the Whole Session

We urge the LUT Committee to recommend a 'Committee of the Whole' session before the legislation advances to the full Board. This will allow all Supervisors to hear public testimony, fully deliberate the proposal, and give time for Mayor Lurie to appoint a new District 4 Supervisor, ensuring every district has representation before a citywide rezoning plan of this scale moves forward.

4. Request an Extension from HCD

We further request that the City seek an extension from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to allow adequate time for proper environmental review, public engagement, and a full evaluation of the proposed amendments' impacts on existing neighborhoods and housing capacity calculations. Transparency and thorough review should take precedence over arbitrary timelines.

5. Require HCD's Direct Participation

As you deliberate on the City's Family Zoning Plan and its relationship to the certified Housing Element, HCD leadership should be required to attend LUT hearings, Committee of the Whole, and the full Board meeting. Their participation is critical so that Supervisors and the public can receive direct, transparent answers on how housing capacity is being calculated, how compliance with state mandates is determined, and how proposed amendments will affect San Francisco's standing with the State.

While we support more housing through thoughtful, responsible planning, Neighborhoods United SF is firmly opposed to the Family Zoning Plan in its current form. The proposal goes far beyond what was envisioned in the certified Housing Element and would irreversibly reshape our city without delivering the affordability or equity it promises.

San Franciscans deserve clarity, accountability, and responsible planning, not conflicting interpretations of state requirements or exaggerated capacity figures that could reshape our city for generations.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to transparent decision-making on behalf of the residents of San Francisco.

Sincerely,
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Cow Hollow Association
Cow Hollow-Marina Neighbors and Merchants
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Dolores Heights Improvement Club
East Mission Improvement Association
Excelsior District Improvement Association
Forest Hill Association
Francisco Park Conservancy
Geary Boulevard Merchants and Property Owners Association
Golden Gate Heights Neighborhood Association
Golden Gate Valley Neighborhood Association
Greater West Portal Neighborhood Association
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La Playa Village
Laurel Heights Neighborhood Association
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Marina Community Association
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Russian Hill Improvement Association
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