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It has come to my attention that you are considering elimination of hearing appeals from the Rent Board and transferring it to the Board of Appeals, in response to Prop E.

It is my opinion that given the complexities of the Rent Ordinance and the Rules and Regulations, San Francisco tenants and landlords are best served by having a board consisting of landlords, tenants and homeowners reviewing the decisions of the ALJs.

There is no benefit to transferring that that work to another agency or board. Plus there the combination of representation on the Board of members who are particularly skilled in this very unique and important area of law. Given the well established efficacy and efficiency of the Board; and its overall fair process, I would advise against elimination of this power.

As an attorney practicing in this area of law, one desires predictability and fairness. It has been my experience over the years, both in appeals won and lost, that the Board provided predictability and fairness.

The Board also has a sense of the history and practice of the agency, which bodes well for consistent and fair outcomes. I have interacted with Rent Boards in various other municipalities and there is no comparison.

I am hopeful that in your efforts to streamline, you will allow this board to continue to function, in the capacity that it does so well and at minimal expense.

Best regards,

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