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Dear Task Force Members,

I am writing to hopefully squash misguided beliefs about potentially merging the DBI Commission with Planning or another commission. Or eliminating the DBI Commission entirely. All such changes would be a terrible mistake. I say this with certainty because I spent over ten years (1982-94) trying to get the city to enforce its housing codes----to no avail. I finally wrote a ballot measure to create a Department of Building Inspection and a Building Inspection Commission. I worked with the Residential Builders Association to pass Prop G on the November 1994 ballot. By 1995 San Francisco had gone from ignoring housing code violations and the health and safety of monolingual-Spanish speaking tenants to making their needs a top priority,

Tenants lived through the nightmare that preceded the DBI Commission. The city cannot return to those bad old days. There is not another commission in San Francisco more vital to tenants than the DBI Commission. I encourage you to seek input from tenant groups before you make a decision that we will all regret. I should also add that landlord groups strongly backed the Commission on the 1994 ballot and still support it. Landlords favor targeting bad landlords, which is what has happened since the DBI Commission was formed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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