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Via Email

Commission Streamlining Task Force

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The San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association strongly opposes making the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) advisory-only and eliminating the Code Advisory Committee (CAC). This move will slow permitting, cause confusion about regulations, and threaten public safety.

The Building Inspection Commission and Code Advisory Committee were created to promote transparency and incorporate expert, real-world input into inspections and proposed regulations.

- Making the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) an advisory body could enable public safety policy decisions to be made without input from the public or experts.
- The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) of the Building Inspection Commission offers input on regulations and other issues from highly trained, specialized experts in construction, maintenance, and systems such as electrical, mechanical, and plumbing.
- The CAC reviews local building code amendments to ensure they align with the upcoming cycle of the California Building Code. This is especially important because the new code with major updates will take effect on January 1, 2026.

A single committee should not alter San Francisco's building and safety inspections after only two hearings and limited public input. The current proposal will create confusion and add more work to already understaffed departments, potentially delaying an already lengthy and complex permitting process in San Francisco.

Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Saroyan, Executive Director SFECA

CC:

Mayor Daniel Lurie

SF Board of Supervisors

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For more than 100 years, the San Francisco Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. has played an integral role in the community, economy, and infrastructure of San Francisco and the Bay Area. As leaders in the electrical construction industry, SFECA contractors have provided quality service, partnering solutions, and innovative construction for San Francisco's most cherished landmarks.