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The International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 8 opposes making the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) advisory-only and eliminating the Code Advisory Committee(CAC). The BIC Commission and CAC were established to promote transparency and to allow expert and real-world input into inspections and proposed regulations.

- Changing the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) to an advisory body would allow public safety policy decisions to be made without public or expert input.
- The Code Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Building Inspection Commission provides 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 comply with the next cycle of the California Building Code. This is particularly important, as new code with significant changes takes effect on January 1, 2026.

A single committee should not change San Francisco's building and safety inspections after two hearings and limited public input. The current proposal will create confusion and push more work onto already understaffed departments, potentially slowing an already historically long and difficult-to-navigate permitting process in San Francisco.

Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Business Representative/Recording Secretary

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