



UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPE FITTING INDUSTRY

LOCAL UNION NO. 38

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San Francisco Commission Streamlining Task Force
Sent via email to commissionstreamlining@sfgov.org

Dear Chair Harrington and Members of the Task Force:

I am writing to express the **opposition** of **UA Local 38 Plumbers, Steamfitters & HVAC/R** to any effort to change the Building Inspection Commission (BIC) from a governance body to an advisory one and the elimination of the Code Advisory Committee (CAC) as an essential advisory body to the BIC.

From the perspective of workers, whose safety and livelihood depend on accountable and rational building regulations, these oversight bodies are not optional—it is **fundamental to protecting the people who build, maintain, and live in San Francisco's buildings**.

The BIC and CAC ensure that those most impacted by departmental decisions—construction workers, tradespeople, building inspectors, tenants, small contractors, and community members—have a transparent and accessible forum to review building code amendments, departmental policies, and critical safety issues. These bodies help safeguard code enforcement, tenant habitability, job sites, and industry standards that protect both workers and the public.

The Commission and CAC help ensure that industry professionals' real-world expertise informs changes to building and permitting processes and do not undermine safety, fairness, or equity.

Construction workers and inspectors shoulder the risks of unsafe or poorly reviewed changes. Even "well-intentioned" process shifts can have serious consequences for those whose livelihoods depend on predictable, transparent enforcement of safety requirements. Undermining oversight puts workers at risk—physically and economically—and jeopardizes the safety of the housing stock relied upon by hundreds of thousands of residents.

Vetting proposed changes through the BIC and CAC has consistently produced stronger, more balanced policies grounded in community input and labor expertise. Their public meetings give workers, tenants, and community members a place to raise concerns and participate in shaping policy. Internal administrative processes cannot replace this essential democratic function.

For the sake of workers' rights, public safety, and democratic accountability, I urge you to **reject any proposal that would weaken or eliminate the Building Inspection Commission or the Code Advisory Committee**. These bodies are essential and critical to ensuring that San Francisco's building and housing safety systems serve the entire community.

Thank you for your efforts and consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Larry Mazzola Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

LARRY MAZZOLA JR
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