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My name is Osha Ashworth, Assistant Business Manager with IBEW Local 6. I worked as a 6248 Electrical Inspector for 8 years prior to becoming a business representative with Local 6. I'm here to **strongly oppose** any recommendation that would weaken or dissolve the **Building Inspection Commission** or the **Code Advisory Committee**.

Inspectors and construction workers are the people who see and feel the consequences when oversight is rushed or removed: unsafe job sites, corners get cut, and buildings that put occupants at risk. I have personally seen the type of wiring you'd expect to see where there is zero code enforcement—installed by untrained workers and/or improperly licensed contractors.

With most of San Francisco having zero lot lines, when one fire starts, the domino effect can be devastating. Loss of property although tragic is nothing compared to loss of life. As inspectors, across the department of building inspection, real efficiency comes from clear, stable rules and accountable systems—not from erasing the forums where problems and unintended consequences are identified.

The Commission reviews and sets DBI policies, and the department's budget. These decisions directly affect whether we have the staff, training, and tools needed to do inspections thoroughly and safely. Everyone in this room wants smart, efficient processes. But **streamlining cannot mean sidelining oversight**.

The Commission, in concert with the Code Advisory Committee, review proposed building code changes and, when necessary, work on alternative methods that address the code's intent for safety with the specific circumstances in San Francisco.

If we remove checks and balances to speed things up or for any other reason, we are essentially deciding that approvals matter more than safety, worker protection, and tenant habitability. If we remove the input of trained industry professionals, we are staking a nihilistic position on the future of construction in our City. Those are not a trade-offs we should accept.

Finally, as we are unfortunately aware, after serious issues that made national headlines - DBI, has been working very hard to rebuild public trust over the last several years under the leadership of Director O'Riordan. The Commission has played a critical role in holding public meetings, providing regular updates on reforms, and being an open forum for

community concerns.

I urge you to **reject any recommendation** that would dissolve, weaken, or otherwise sideline the Building Inspection Commission or the Code Advisory Committee.

Thank you,

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