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Subject: FW: Recommendation that the Relocation Appeals Board's functions NOT be transferred to the BOA
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Dear Chair Harrington and Task Force Members:

I understand that on January 14, 2026 you will be considering whether to keep the Relocation Appeals Board (RAB) or to transfer its functions to the Board of Appeals (BOA).

Apparently, the RAB fulfills a legally required function to hear appeals by residents who are forcibly displaced by local Redevelopment Agencies. However, since the City no longer has a Redevelopment Agency and, as a general practice, does not force the relocation of homes or businesses, the RAB has been inactive for at least 10 years.

According to your staff members, if the RAB's functions were transferred to the BOA, it would trigger the requirement that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) confirm mayoral appointees to the BOA. Given the foregoing, I recommend that the RAB's functions are **not** transferred to the BOA because requiring BOS approval of mayoral appointees would be inconsistent with the Task Force's prior recommendation that mayoral appointments for Governance Bodies (like the BOA) be effective immediately (subject to a veto of the appointment with a 2/3 majority within 30 days).

Furthermore, I am not aware of any financial costs associated with leaving the RAB "on the books," and therefore do not believe there is a detriment to keeping the status quo.

Please note that this is my personal recommendation. The Board of Appeals has not expressed a formal opinion on this matter.

Respectfully,

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