



## **BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION (BIC)**

### **Department of Building Inspection (DBI)**

### **NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

**City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 416**

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Members of the Building Inspection Commission will attend this meeting in-person. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in-person or remotely online as described below. Members of the public attending the meeting in person will have an opportunity to provide public comment on every item.

In addition to in-person public comment, the Building Inspection Commission will hear up to 60 minutes of remote public comment on each agenda item. The Building Inspection Commission will hear remote public comment on each item in the order that commenters add themselves to the queue to comment on the item. Because of the 60-minute time limit, it is possible that not every person in the queue will have an opportunity to provide remote public comment. Remote public comment from people who have received an accommodation due to disability (as described below) will not count toward the 60-minute limit.

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#### **MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

Raquel Bito, President

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Angie Sommer, Commissioner

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## AGENDA

**(The BIC will take public comment on every item appearing on the agenda. Members of the public who address the Commission have the discretion on whether they wish to identify themselves for the record.)**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
2. President’s Opening Remarks.
3. General Public Comment: The BIC will take public comment on matters within the Commission’s jurisdiction that are not part of this agenda.
4. Nominations Subcommittee.
  - a. Update from the Nominations Subcommittee.
  - b. Discussion and possible action to appoint a member to the Code Advisory Committee (CAC). (Term to Expire August 10, 2025.)

Member seeking appointment:

- Paul Staley, Member-at-Large seat

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Supervisors Ordinance (File No. 230374) amending the Building Code to outline the site permit application process, define and limit the scope of Building Official review of site permits, and require simultaneous interdepartmental review of site permits, in addition to other requirements.
6. Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Supervisors Ordinance (File No. 230371-2) amending the Planning Code to 1) facilitate residential uses Downtown by authorizing the conversion of non-residential uses to residential use in C (Commercial) zoning districts, and exempting such projects from requirements for rear yard, open space, streetscape improvements, dwelling unit exposure, bike parking, dwelling unit mix, and Intermediate Length Occupancy controls, permitting live work units in such project, streamlining administrative approvals for projects in the C-3 zoning district, and modifying the dimensional limits on exemptions to height restrictions for mechanical equipment, elevator, stair, and mechanical penthouses, in addition to other requirements.
7. Update on unpermitted awning complaints and community outreach.
8. Discussion and possible action regarding Board of Supervisors Ordinance (File No. 230447) amending the Building and Planning Codes to create a temporary amnesty program for unpermitted awnings that streamlines the application process to legalize awnings, waives applicable fees, and confers legal nonconforming status for awnings that do not comply with the Planning Code, in addition to other requirements.

9. Discussion and possible action regarding the site permit reform process; and future agenda items for the Client Services Subcommittee.

10. Commissioner's Questions and Matters.

- a. Inquiries to Staff. At this time, Commissioners may make inquiries to staff regarding various documents, policies, practices, and procedures, which are of interest to the Commission.
- b. Future Meetings/Agendas. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Building Inspection Commission.

11. Director's Report.

- a. Director's Update [**Director O'Riordan**]
- b. Update on major projects.
- c. Update on DBI's finances.
- d. Update on proposed or recently enacted State or local legislation.
- e. Update on Inspection Services.

12. Review and approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2023.

13. Adjournment.

Copies of documents referred to in the agenda will be available at [Building Inspection Commission | San Francisco \(sf.gov\)](#) [**Sonya Harris, 628-652-3510**] If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Building Inspection Commission after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials will be available for public inspection.

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- **Press #** again to enter meeting as an ATTENDEE
- You will hear a beep when you join the meeting as a participant. Stop and LISTEN
- Wait for Public Comment to be announced.
- When the President or Commission Secretary calls for Public Comment, dial ‘\*’ then ‘3’ to be added to the speaker line.
- You will then hear “You have raised your hand to ask a question, please wait to speak until the host calls on you.” Callers will hear silence when waiting for their turn to speak.
- Ensure you are in a quiet location. Before you speak, mute the sound of any equipment around you, including televisions, radios, and computers. **It is especially important that you mute your computer (if you are watching via the web link) so there is no echo sound when you speak.**
- To withdraw your question, press ‘\*’ then ‘3’. – you will hear: “You have lowered your hand.”
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- When the President or Commission Secretary states “Welcome Caller,” you are encouraged to state your name clearly. As soon as you speak, you will have 3 minutes to provide your comments.
- Once your 3 minutes have expired, you will be moved out of the speaker line and back as a participant in the meeting (unless you disconnect). You will hear “Your line has been muted.”

- Participants who wish to speak on other public comment periods can stay on the meeting line and listen for the next public comment opportunity.

## RAMAYTUSH OHLONE LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Building Inspection Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

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(Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code)

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## MISSION STATEMENT

As a policy-making and supervisory body mandated by the City Charter, the seven-member citizen Building Inspection Commission will manage the Department of Building Inspection and the bodies subordinate to the Commission by overseeing the effective, efficient, fair and safe enforcement of the City and County's Building, Housing, Plumbing, Electrical and Mechanical Codes, along with Disability Access Regulations.

## ACCESSIBLE MEETING INFORMATION POLICY



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## **POLICY STATEMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

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