The Honorable Katy Tang  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, Ca 94102

April 12, 2017

RE: Affordable Housing Bonus Programs Support Letter

Dear Supervisor Tang,

On behalf of the 300 businesses, organizations and individuals that represent the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition (SFHAC) membership, I’m pleased to share our support of the local Affordable Housing Bonus Programs legislation, including the HOME-SF Program, proposed by you and Mayor Lee (BOS File No. 150969).

As you are aware, since 1979, the City of San Francisco has been out of compliance with the State Density Bonus Law, which is intended to incentivize developers to construct more affordable housing by providing density bonuses of up to 35 percent for projects that incorporate on-site affordable units. As you are also aware, the State law was recently amended to require that local jurisdictions adopt an implementation program and we again urge that San Francisco must comply.

Since San Francisco has always been a leader in producing subsidized affordable housing, we believe that San Francisco needs to do more by providing incentives above and beyond that required by the State law, namely for the creation of new middle-income housing. Notably, the HOME-SF Program component of the proposed legislation would incentivize the production of subsidized housing for middle-income teachers, firefighters, EMTs, and families by virtue of minimum unit mix requirements and a higher required average AMI for the Home-SF units, which, combined with required inclusionary housing units, would be required to total 30 percent.

We thank you and Mayor Lee for your leadership on this critical issue. Please let us know how our advocacy can be helpful in the passing of this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

Todd David  
Executive Director