

November 16, 2014

San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: **Article 2 Simplification and Definition Consolidation (2013.0647T)**

Dear Commission President Wu, Commission Vice President Fong, and Commissioners Antonini, Hillis, Johnson, Moore and Richards:

SPUR thanks the Planning Commission for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to simplify and reorganize Article 2 of the Planning Code.

As an advocate for good city planning and good government, SPUR supports this monumental effort to clarify and simplify the Planning Code. We understand the reorganization of Article 2 addressed in this ordinance is one of three planned phases to clean up the Code, with modifications of Articles 7 and 8 to follow. The reorganization and consolidation addressed in this ordinance takes a great step toward making it easier for citizens and practitioners to engage with the planning and development process.

We appreciate the effort to eventually have all zoning districts reference a single set of use definitions and are excited to see that the number of use definitions is shrinking dramatically from 315 to 116. The shift from use charts to zoning control tables is a decision that will be more user-friendly overall.

SPUR applauds the efforts of city staff and Livable City to undertake and champion a complex effort like this. We urge you to move forward with the following two phases of Code reorganization as rapidly as possible.

Thank you for considering our recommendation. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-644-4884.

Sincerely,



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Cc: SPUR Board of Directors