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

**RE: Article 7: Phase 2 of the Planning Code Reorganization
2014-001965PCA**

Dear Commission President Hillis, Commission Vice President Richards, and Commissioners Fong, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar and Moore:

SPUR thanks the Planning Commission for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to simplify and reorganize Article 7 of the Planning Code.

As an advocate for good city planning and good government, SPUR supports the Code Reorganization Project, a monumental effort to clarify and simplify the Planning Code so that it is easier to understand.

We supported the reorganization of Article 2 addressed in 2014-15, the first of three planned phases to clean up the Code. We now support the modification of Article 7 addressed in this ordinance, and encourage the department to rapidly follow up with Phase 3, modifying Article 8 in the same fashion. The reorganization and consolidation addressed in this project 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. The shift from use charts to zoning control tables is a decision that will be more user-friendly overall. We also appreciate the standardization of noticing requirements across use districts.

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 Phase 3 of the Code Reorganization Project as rapidly as possible and perhaps add additional articles to the scope of this work.

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