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Land Use & Transportation Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: **Off-Street Parking & Loading Requirements**
File No. 170206

Dear Supervisors Farrell, Peskin and Tang:

Thank you for the opportunity to share support for the Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements Ordinance that reorganizes Article 1.5 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 (for Residential, Commercial and Industrial Districts) in 2014 and are in support of a similar effort for Article 7 (for Neighborhood Commercial Districts) that is pending.

The current proposal to reorganize Article 1.5 is non-substantive in nature and does not change citywide parking requirements, but SPUR would like to see those come forward in the future. We would like to see the city eliminate parking minimums in more zoning districts citywide, particularly in areas close to frequent transit; initiate parking maximums in additional zoning districts; standardize parking requirements for non-residential uses; and consider other measures to reduce and/or price parking to update our laws to be in line with the city's policy goals for sustainability and livability.

SPUR applauds the efforts of city staff and Livable City to undertake and champion a complex effort like the Code Reorganization Project. We urge you to move forward with all phases 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 to support this legislation and move it to the full Board of Supervisors. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 415-644-4884.

Best,

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