

November 5, 2018

Land Use & Transportation Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: November 5, 2018 Agenda (Item No. 5)
Support for Eliminating Parking Requirements Citywide (Board File #181028)

Dear Supervisors Tang, Kim and Safaí:

On behalf of SPUR, I strongly urge you to support Supervisor Kim's proposal to eliminate minimum parking requirements across the city of San Francisco.

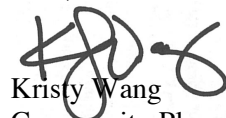
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SPUR's *Agenda for Change*, which lays out SPUR's core values, recommends the elimination of requirements that mandate a minimum number of parking spaces for new development. There is no good reason for the city to force the private market to produce parking spaces for every housing unit built. Eliminating minimum parking requirements will reduce the cost of producing new housing and enable us to use our land more efficiently by replacing space for cars with space for people.

San Francisco has already made moves in the right direction by replacing parking minimums with parking maximums and by requiring parking to be "unbundled" from homes *in the city's area plans*, but in today's world, with changing technology and transportation options, this policy should be pursued citywide.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this proposal. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best,



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Community Planning Policy Director

cc: SPUR Board of Directors