



May 12, 2022

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman  
Supervisor, District 8  
City Hall, Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**Re: A Place for All Ordinance File #220281-SUPPORT**

Dear Supervisor Mandelman,

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) San Francisco, I write to you in support of your A Place for All Ordinance, file #220281, which would require the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to submit to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor a plan to implement a program to provide unsheltered persons in San Francisco with a safe place to sleep overnight, including a cost estimate of implementation, and request that HSH fully implement the program.

BOMA supports this proposal's objective of working towards policy solutions that present sustainable and scalable alternatives for San Franciscans experiencing homelessness other than sidewalks, parks, or plazas as shelter of last resort. Although we recognize the critical need for more affordable housing and permanent supportive housing units in our City, we believe that the ultimate goal of ending street homelessness will require creative policies that provide both immediate and longer-term solutions. BOMA believes that we must prioritize workable policy alternatives that promote safety while affording individuals experiencing homelessness with more opportunities to be connected to health, sanitation, and housing. We acknowledge that there is no "one size fits all" approach to providing these safe spaces and encourage further discussion on the expansion of policies that meet these goals.

Lastly, while we do acknowledge the critical role that more robust supportive housing and triage systems will play in ending homelessness, we support this proposal's focus on prioritizing the increase of interim shelter capacity. It is essential that our City promotes policies that will address unsheltered homelessness in a manner that is as cost effective and rapid as possible. We stand ready to find ways in which our business community can be proactive in finding solutions to this crisis. Thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

John R. Bryant  
CEO, BOMA San Francisco

**Cc:** Honorable Members and Staff, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee