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Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 282
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: C-3 Parking Limits - SUPPORT

Dear Supervisors:

Rescue Muni, San Francisco's transit riders' association, supports the recent proposal by Supervisor Peskin to amend the Planning Code to eliminate minimum parking requirements and reduce maximum parking requirements for new residential buildings in the downtown area of San Francisco. We urge you to approve it.

This proposal is a very reasonable amendment to the code that will encourage transit use and reduce automobile traffic, by making it easier for San Franciscans who don't own a car to own a home downtown. It will significantly reduce the cost of housing, a key priority for a city where housing prices are outrageously high. Unneeded parking minimums currently drive up the cost of housing, particularly in areas where most residents walk to BART or Muni.

This proposal will also reduce the impact that new construction has on our already congested streets, making it easier for San Franciscans to get to their jobs, school, and shopping by public transportation. At a time when San Francisco is planning thousands of new housing units downtown, this is vitally important to ensure that our transportation system continues to serve Muni's 700,000 daily riders, as well as to help reduce San Francisco's high accident rate for pedestrians and cars.

San Franciscans have voted repeatedly for the Transit-First Policy, most recently in 1999's Proposition E. We urge you to make this policy a reality by approving these common-sense planning guidelines for San Francisco's most walkable and transit-friendly neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Andrew Sullivan, Chair
cc: Mayor Gavin Newsom