



Everyone Deserves a Home

A note from Supervisor Katy Tang

I love San Francisco. And I know you do, too. We have incredible cultural diversity, fantastic food, breathtaking views from our many hills, and we have amazing people. We have people who desperately want to live in San Francisco, but San Francisco has not always opened its arms to everyone.

Regardless of whether or not you were born in San Francisco, whether or not you have children, or whether or not you intend to retire here – you deserve a home. We can do more for our residents to ensure that we are building enough housing that is affordable for families.

For generations, San Francisco's housing funds have not been spent on providing housing that is family and workforce friendly. Working class families have been left out in the cold for too long.

So, on this Valentine's Day, let me say: **I forget you not.**

Our local housing laws, many of which were passed decades ago, are barriers to keeping the working class in San Francisco. We must ask ourselves: Is the City we live in today one where our kids can come back and raise their own families, or will we have to hope they win the lottery to stay close to home?

Our housing policies are a reflection of our values. What message are we sending to the hard-working people who make our City so great? That we will take your sweat and tears, but we won't allow you to live here? What are we saying to the people who work every day to fuel our economy when the sun goes down and it is time to go home? We'll take your labor, but you can't be our neighbor.

We're seeing some frightening things come out of the federal government. Now is the time for San Francisco to lead with its heart.

We must ensure that we as a City walk the talk of equity and inclusivity – you don't need to be born here to live here. We won't put up a “keep out” sign. Instead, we can plan for the future.

We can't afford to sit on our hands and hope our housing shortage goes away. We must take action to ensure that our future includes homes for families, seniors, and our diverse workforce.

So today, as we celebrate love and all that it stands for – I commit to you my love for this City and all of its people.

Please join me in my work to provide more affordable housing to our working class families, because

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Learn more about my work at: <http://sf-planning.org/HOMESF>