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Supervisor Gordon Mar’s resolution opposing SB 50 unless amended is adopted by Board of Supervisors

San Francisco - At Tuesday’s Board of Supervisors meeting, Supervisor Gordon Mar’s resolution opposing State Senator Scott Wiener’s SB 50 unless amended to meet concerns from community members and affordable housing advocates was adopted decisively in a 9-2 vote, with only Supervisors Vallie Brown and Asha Safai voting in the dissent, while also expressing concerns about SB 50.

“The resolution highlights the major concerns the community has put forward on SB 50,” said Mar. “SB 50 does not adequately protect vulnerable communities from the pressures that market-rate housing creates on gentrification and displacement. It’s not an affordable housing strategy and does not guarantee any affordable housing in San Francisco and makes it more difficult to meet the need for affordable housing. And SB 50 would restrict our ability locally to adopt long term zoning and land use policies to assure equitable and affordable development.”

In addition to being passed by the Board, the resolution was duplicated to further flesh out specific amendments the Board would like to see made to SB 50 at the state level to guarantee housing affordability, affirm San Francisco’s charter authority, and protect residents vulnerable to displacement and gentrification from the broad impacts of the bill.

“Opposing SB50 doesn’t mean opposing housing, or opposing density,” said Mar. “The question isn’t whether we should build more housing or not — we must. It’s about what we build, how, and for whom. SB 50 needs to be amended to guarantee housing affordability, adequately protect vulnerable communities, and protect San Francisco’s charter authority, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure our specific concerns are addressed.”