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CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

July 26, 2017

Mr. Rich Hillis
President, San Francisco Planning Commission
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Support Central SOMA Plan

Dear Commissioner Hillis:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing 2,500 local businesses with over 200,000 employees, supports policies and plans that provide a sustainable path for the continued growth our city can expect.

The draft Central SOMA Plan being presented to the Commission tomorrow can play a major role in accommodating San Francisco's share of anticipated regional growth. Central SOMA is a diverse, transit rich neighborhood that can become home to tens of thousands of new jobs and residents over the next two decades, while maintaining its historic diversity.

The Chamber believes the Plan, which is the product of over six years of community input, lays out a blueprint for neighborhood growth with significant levels of affordable housing, new parks, transit improvements, historic preservation and a diverse cultural life that will work in conjunction with adjacent neighborhood plans previously adopted by the city.

We look forward to working with the Planning Commission and your staff to insure the early adoption of this plan.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
Senior Vice President of Public Policy

cc. Clerk of the Planning Commission, to be distributed to all Commissioners