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Mabel Ng, Deputy Executive Director
San Francisco Ethics Commission
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220
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RE: *Request for Waiver from the Ethics Commission*

Dear Commissioners,

Until March 1, 2013 I was serving as a Commissioner on the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The Charter under Sect. 4.135 "Historic Preservation Commission" required that certain qualifications be fulfilled for each seat on the Commission. I held a seat under item 1: I was one of the a "licensed architects meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for historic architecture". The intent of the qualifications provision was to ensure that the Commission had the benefit of the experience of working professionals familiar with conditions in San Francisco.

It was my understanding that after the completion of my four year term that Sec. 3.234 could be waived with respect to the one year restriction on communicating with Former Department. It makes sense that there would be a one year prohibition of my having any dealings with my former Commission, the HPC, but a prohibition of having with any dealings with the Planning Department or Planning Commission, particularly as such dealings would be regarding matters that would not be within the jurisdiction of the HPC, seems unduely restrictive. The Planning Dept. and Commission deal with matters of far greater scope than the matters that come before the HPC. I am a self employed single practioner doing relatively small projects, many of which do not even merit Planning review. However, some of my work will require some level of Planning review and I do not have a partner or employee who can take my place. As a one year prohibition on communicating with Former Department would make it difficult for me to do business in the City, I respectfully request a waiver.

Thank you for your consideration.



Alan Martinez

cc: MByrne, Deputy City Attorney
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