Fire Code Technical Advisory Council (TAC) Meeting
Friday, November 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 408, San Francisco, California 94102

Agenda

This meeting will be held in person at the location listed above. Members of the public attending the meeting in-person will have an opportunity to provide public comment. Members of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes per item and once per person on an agenda item. Remote public comment is available only for individuals who require accommodation due to a disability and are unable to attend in person. The Council may reasonably limit public comment on an item to less than three minutes per speaker based on such factors as the nature of the item, the number of anticipated speakers for the item, and the anticipated duration of other agenda items. To request accommodation, please contact the Council Secretary at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting (see below for details).

You may also watch live on San Francisco Government TV.

1. Roll Call

Fire Code TAC Seat Number	Name	Seat Description
1	Robert Eaton	Property owner or building manager of a building
2	Gayle Geary	Non-owner tenant of a building affected
3	Catherine Ann Miller	Duly authorized homeowners' association representative
4	Christopher Ingram	Person who holds an active C-16 fire protection contractor license issued by the California Contractors State License Board
5	Brandon Bracamonte	Construction professional with experience in either general labor or skilled trade
6	Nicholas Tsuk	Professional architect who holds an active license issued by the California Architects Board or a professional structural engineer who holds an active license issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists
7	Ben Becker	Held by an employee of the Controller's Office appointed by the Controller
8	Captain Tracy O'Keeffe	Employee of the Fire Department appointed by the Fire Chief
9	Mark Walls	Employee of the Department of Building Inspection, appointed by the Director of the Department of Building Inspection (DBI)
10	Bill Teahan	Held by an employee of the Public Utilities Commission, appointed by the General Manager of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC)
11	Supervisor Stephen Sherrill	Shall be held by a member of the Board of Supervisors, appointed by the President of the Board of Supervisors

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

The Fire Code Technical Advisory Council (TAC) acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land, and in accordance with their traditions, the

Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

2. Approval of the minutes [Discussion and possible action]
Discussion and possible action to approve meeting minutes.

- Minutes from Meeting on October 30, 2026.

3. Fire Code TAC Absences [Discussion and possible action]
Per Council Bylaws, discussion and possible action to excuse any upcoming absences.

4. Fire Code TAC Report [Discussion]

Discussion regarding and the five terms Section 1103.5.4.4 of Ordinance No. 74-26: "reasonable degree of fire protection" "alternative protection"; "not physically possible"; "disproportionate effort"; and "undue hardship."

Discussion on sprinklers.

5. Future Meeting Agendas [Discussion and possible action]
Council members to discuss and approve items for future meeting agendas.

6. General Public Comment
Members of the public may address the Council for up to three minutes on any matter within the Council's jurisdiction that does not appear on the agenda. Speakers shall address their remarks to the Council as a whole and not to individual Council members. Council members are not to enter into debate or discussion with a speaker. The lack of a response by the Council does not necessarily constitute agreement with or support of statements made during public comment. The Council may reasonably limit public comment on an item to less than three minutes per speaker based on such factors as the nature of the item, the number of anticipated speakers for the item, and the anticipated duration of other agenda items.

7. Adjournment

Fire Code Technical Advisory Council (TAC)
Notice of Council Procedures

Council Office

The Council office is located at 698 Second Street, Room 303A, San Francisco, CA 94107. The Council can be reached at FireCodeTac@sfgov.org, or online at the Council web site. Office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Public Participation and Comment

The Council will take in-person comment on all items appearing on the agenda at the time the item is heard. The Council will take public comment on matters not on the Agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Council during the "General Public Comment" portion of the regular meeting. Each member of the public is allowed to speak once on each agenda item for up to three minutes. Admin. Code § 67.15(c). The Council may reasonably limit public comment on an item to less than three minutes per speaker based on such factors as the nature of the item, the number of anticipated speakers for the item, and the anticipated duration of other agenda items. The timer shall be in operation during public comment.

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Information on Disability Access

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