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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I would like to submit a public comment for the May 21 meeting regarding item #36: the Planning Division Work Plan. My comment focuses on staff retention, staff morale, and the availability of diverse language-speaking skills within the staff who respond to public inquiries. While the work plan's timeline prioritizes projects based on staffing capacities and notes a decrease in the Planning Division's vacancy rate, it does not reflect the recent loss of five younger staff members from the policy and programs team since June 2023.

The ongoing turnover and the subsequent time spent on training new staff present a concern for efficient use of public resources. Thank you for considering my comment.

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