

July 25, 2019

San Francisco Board of Supervisors 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place #244 San Francisco, CA. 94102

> RE: Reappointment of Commissioner Dori Caminong San Francisco Entertainment Commission

Dear President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for Ms. Dori Caminong's reappointment for the San Francisco Entertainment Commission's Seat 1.

I had the chance to work with Ms. Caminong in 2017 when she conducted the South of Market Community Needs Assessment under the Filipino American Development Foundation. Ms. Caminong demonstrated her passion in the preservation of the SoMa Pilipinas community.

During the 2017 Mayor's Filipino American History Month Celebration, Ms. Caminong, was instrumental in organizing the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony during the event. Filipino World War II Veteran residents of the city received a bronze replica of the Congressional Gold Medal – the highest honor bestowed by the United States Congress to individuals and groups for their exceptional contribution to history and culture of our country. Recipients of the medal could not express enough their appreciation for the momentous occasion.

Ms. Caminong continues to volunteer her time and supports our efforts in ensuring that the residents thrive in SoMa Pilipinas.

I strongly recommend that you consider Ms. Caminong's re-appointment to the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

Yours very truly,

Luisa M. Antonio

City and County of San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee c/o Supervisors Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Gordon Mar and Sandra Lee Fewer City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244 San Francisco 94102-4689

Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer,

I am writing to express my full support of Theodora (Dori) Caminong in her re-application for the neighborhood representative seat of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

Throughout the over ten years that I have known Dori, I have personally witnessed her enduring commitment to San Francisco's diverse communities through her work with the SF Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, SOMA Pilipinas, and GLIDE. Dori is fully committed to empowering the voices, perspectives, and experiences of San Francisco's most vulnerable residents. Through her bold and beautifully human approach, Dori designs thoughtful experiences for people from all walks of life to come together and create social change.

During her tenure as a member of the SF Entertainment Commission, she has been a strong advocate in the promotion and protection of our City's nightlife and entertainment culture. She is a compassionate leader who listens to varying perspectives and understands the complexities of balancing the needs of neighbors to enjoy quiet and safe streets with the importance and value of having a thriving city nightlife. She is unafraid to engage in hard conversations and is dedicated to creating meaningful solutions. She ensures that all perspectives are considered and valued, while addressing opposing views with compassion and clarity.

Dori excels in complex situations, utilizing her wealth of intellectual and creative resources to develop innovative and consequential resolutions. Dori cares deeply about protecting and uplifting marginalized communities, and understands the essential role that art, entertainment, and nightlife play in supporting our communities, introducing us to new things, and bringing us together. Dori works diligently to ensure that San Francisco's nightlife offers a safe and inspiring venue to foster creativity, support decompression, and encourage connection.

I highly recommend Dori Caminong for your consideration. I have no doubt that Dori will serve the citizens of San Francisco with great passion and integrity as an Entertainment Commissioner.

Thank you,

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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer:

I am honored to write each of you in support of Dori Caminong's reappointment to the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. She currently serves as the Commission's Vice President and holds Seats 1 as the neighborhood representative since her original appointment in 2015.

Through her voice and influence, Dori is firmly committed to stand in solidarity with the communities she serves. She is a seasoned community advocate with an established track record in communications, fundraising, storytelling and digital strategy with a deep commitment to excellence and the curation of meaningful experiences. Her years of experience solving problems at nonprofit organizations have taught her to lead, inspire and be extremely creative under pressure. I've witnessed her work adeptly with community leaders, sector influencers, policy makers and donors. And more importantly, I've witnessed her careful and compassionate approach as she works with community members from poor and vulnerable populations.

Dori deeply understands the value of meeting people where they are at. She has worked tirelessly and passionately to bridge many unfortunate divides that cut across cultural, socioeconomic, racial, gender, and many more differences in our society and community. As a strong and intelligent woman of color, fierce advocate for her community, and consummate professional steeped in experience as a community leader. I believe she continues to help bridge these divides as a Neighborhood Representative for the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

I highly recommend Dori's reappointment to the San Francisco Entertainment Commission and ask each of you to join me in supporting her leadership.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely

Fred Blackwell

Chief Executive Officer



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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer:

It is our honor to provide this letter of recommendation for Theodora Marie (Dori) Caminong for her reappointment to the SF Entertainment Commission (Seat 1, Neighborhood Representative). From 2005 – 2016, Ms. Caminong had been employed with GLIDE and is a beloved member of the GLIDE family.

During her tenure, she has served as a creative and critical force in GLIDE's mission, programs, and culture. With great cultural sensitivity and commitment to San Francisco's most vulnerable, she embodies our values of unconditional love, radical acceptance and beloved community. Her professional approach deeply embraces GLIDE's mission of enabling poor and disenfranchised to making meaningful changes in their lives as they struggle to break the cycle of poverty, hunger, violence and addiction.

We have proudly witnessed the growth of her leadership and understanding of our shared humanity. With creativity, courage and deep curiosity, she pushes the boundaries of her own comfort zones and embraces the complexities and contradictions of varied situations and human conditions to help people in need. She is responsible, vigilant and in fact, most eager to meet the needs of those we serve. GLIDE is place where empowerment, recovery and personal transformation is valued. Together, we all celebrate one another's truths, we do it in song, dance, storytelling and in community.

We believe Ms. Caminong has approached the challenges and opportunities in her life with every intention to better serve San Francisco. We wholeheartedly recommend her for your consideration, she has been an exemplary employee and will continue to serve be a vigilant public servant as San Francisco Entertainment Commission's Seat 1 Neighborhood Representative.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office (415) 674-6002.

Thank you,

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Co-Founder and Founding President

Rev. Cecil Williams

Co-Founder and Minister of Liberation





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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer:

I am writing to support the re-appointment of Dori Caminong who is applying for the community neighborhood seat of the Entertainment Commission in the City and County of San Francisco.

I would like to add my voice to the chorus of people who sing her praises. She was a creative and critical force within the GLIDE family during her tenure at the agency and continues to serve SF youth and families at a greater capacity as the Community Engagement and Communications Manager at the SF Department of Children, Youth and Their Families.

Ms. Caminong is a highly regarded leader in many communities in San Francisco and beyond. Her networks are invaluable to the organization she serves. I have experienced her leadership in creating meaningful intersections between technology and community sectors. She approaches hard dialogues with empathy, curiosity, and an open mind. Working in collaboration with diverse constituent stakeholders, she has a deep commitment to nurturing a cultural ecology that allows for conversation, innovation, solution, sustainability and community building.

It is our honor to recommend Dori Caminong for your consideration. Without a doubt, her appointment will be a great asset to San Francisco's cultural and nightlife programming and the communities served through the Entertainment Commission. I hope the Rules Committee will recognize her many contributions to the community.

Thank you,

Charles M. Collins
President and CEO

## ASIAN PRISONER SUPPORT COMMITTEE



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Happy new breath Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer:

I am writing to express my unequivocal support for Dori Caminong's reappointment to the San Francisco Entertainment Commission (Seat 1, Neighborhood Representative). She has a special blend of leadership rooted in her love and commitment to serving people with the greatest needs.

I have come to know Dori during her tenure at the SF Department of Children, Youth and Their Families (DCYF) over the last four years. She currently serves as the Community Engagement and Communications Manager where she provided guidance and strategic support to the Children, Youth and Their Families Oversight and Advisory Committee where I served as Chair.

In my interactions and collaboration with Dori, she has demonstrated a deep commitment in supporting and empowering people in the city. She is passionate about utilizing her knowledge and experience to serve the diverse San Francisco populations and their various needs. Through her work at DCYF. Dori interfaces with over 150 community-based agencies serving San Francisco's youth and families. She is always laser focused in the development of community outreach strategies to ensure equitable access to the services and opportunities that all children, youth, and families need to live a sustainable and vibrant life. Most importantly, Dori has built trustful relationships with people from all diverse backgrounds that allowed her to better understand their challenges and create solutions.

I highly recommend and encourage your consideration in reappointing Dori to continue serve on the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. She is a compassionate and caring leader who will continue to be a significant asset to the San Francisco's arts, culture, nightlife and entertainment communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to continue working with Dori in the community. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Dear President Yee and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am proudly submitting this letter of support for Dori Caminong for her reappointment application for the San Francisco Entertainment Commission's Seat 1 for your consideration.

I have known Ms. Caminong since 1994 when we worked together on a short independent fiction narrative film project focused on the lives of two low-wage Filipino immigrants living in the South of Market. This film project is a living document that tells the story of a SOMA Pilipinas nearly 25 years ago.

Fast forward to today, Ms. Caminong currently serves as a volunteer advisor for SOMA Pilipinas. She supports the cultural district in areas of brand, design and innovation and in 2017 served as a Consultant with the Filipino American Development Foundation (FADF) conducting a community needs assessment in the areas of fundraising and capital growth to contribute to the sustainability, visibility and economic opportunity for community stabilization. She is deeply committed to the preservation of San Francisco's cultural districts honoring the people, their powerful stories and place-keeping and making.

I have had the personal pleasure to see her growth as a civic and non-profit leader from her prior internship at the Board of Supervisors, her 12-year tenure at GLIDE, and her service on Entertainment Commission. In her current role at DCYF, she leads community engagement and communications strategy which tells the story of the City's investment in funding 499 neighborhood based programs across all 11 districts.

She is a responsible, thoughtful and industrious leader. I proudly recommend Ms. Caminong's reappointment to the San Francisco Entertainment Commission and look forward to her ongoing leadership serving the nightlife and entertainment communities of San Francisco with bold commitment and grace to under-served communities.

Sincerely,

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## San Francisco Police Department Community Engagement Division

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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer:

I am writing to express my full support of Theodora Caminong (Dori) in her re-application for the neighborhood representative seat of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

I have been a colleague of Dori for the past 5 years, since I served as the Director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and currently as a Senior Advisor at the San Francisco Police Department. I have experienced personally her deep compassion and care for San Francisco's diverse communities through her professional work with the SF Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, SOMA Pilipinas and GLIDE. She is fully committed to empowering the voices, perspectives and experiences of our City's most vulnerable citizens.

Dori has been a delightful leader and a pleasure to work with throughout the years. It has been an honor to support her and watch her grow into an outstanding community leader and advocate. She is always well-prepared, and is eager to assume the role and responsibilities of a professional. Dori is a caring and warmhearted individual. Anyone that encounters her is uplifted by her positive attitude and motivated by her work ethic.

I have found Dori to be inquisitive, engaged in learning, and always optimistic and positive. She is one of the most caring and compassionate individuals that I have had the pleasure of knowing. Through her bold and beautifully human approach, she designs thoughtful experiences for people from all walks of life to come together and create social change.

I highly recommend Dori Caminong for your consideration. As an Entertainment Commissioner, I have no doubt she will serve the citizens of San Francisco with great passion and integrity.

Lastly, if you have any questions and want further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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July 24, 2019

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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer,

I proudly share my full support of Theodora Caminong (Dori) in her re-application for the neighborhood representative seat of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

I met Dori during her time at PUSOD, a Filipino art space in Berkeley where she would outreach and coordinate workshops/trainings for Filipino-Americans with artists from the Philippines and engage the community on having more community art space. From there, I had witnessed her growth and ongoing dedication to the Filipino and People of Color communities by supporting our music, arts and culture.

Dori embodies the spirit and legacy of SOMA Pilipinas which is rooted in love, pride and people power. As a woman of color who is a native born San Franciscan and who has grown with the evolution of the City, she embodies the spirit of today's San Franciscan, an architect of social change with great compassion and authenticity. With deep empathy, she is masterful in her approach to designing meaningful experiences and engagement for all people.

I wholeheartedly recommend Dori Caminong for your consideration. As Entertainment Commissioner, Dori will be a shining light in her service to the citizens and the city of San Francisco.

Thank you,

Angelica Cabande

SOMCAN's Organizational Director

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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer:

I write this recommendation in support of Dori Caminong in her candidate application for the San Francisco Entertainment Commission for Seat 1 Neighborhood Representative.

I can't say enough about Dori's many attributes and her love for San Francisco and it's residents. She is a diligent professional who has developed a reputation for her abilities to build community and execute vast tasks. I have had the pleasure of experiencing Dori's professional leadership during her tenure at GLIDE and external community-building efforts. For over a decade, she has been a key leader and contributor to the organization's special events, fundraising, marketing and communications portfolio. Today, she leads the community engagement and communications strategy for the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families. Ms. Caminong is a diligent advocate for the poor and underserved through the creation and curation of meaningful experiences intersecting technology, culture and community.

Earlier this month, she led her agency's participation in a statewide funders' strategy convening entitled Ending the Mass Incarceration of Women and Girls in California with the Akonadi Foundation, NoVo Foundation, Heising-Simons Foundation, Race, Gender and Human Rights Fund and Twitter. This event highlighted a growing movement of incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women and girls who are leading the effort to make California the first state in the nation to end the incarceration of women and girls in the next five years.

Like many of us, she has successfully overcome personal challenges and uses her voice and influence to champion the underserved. I've witnessed her passionate commitment to public service and her efforts in her work with GLIDE and throughout the San Francisco Bay Area to bridge the many unfortunate divides.

In this role with the San Francisco Entertainment Commission, I have no doubt she will serve San Francisco's artistic, cultural, nightlife and entertainment communications with great insight, passion and integrity.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Dear Supervisors Ronen, Walton, Mar and Fewer:

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Theodora Marie Caminong (Dori) for Seat 1 of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

Dori and I were initially acquainted through her work at GLIDE and my tenure in the Mayor's Office for the City and County of San Francisco. I experienced her thoughtful leadership which played a creative and critical force in GLIDE's programming, fundraising and communications. In the last few years, I've witnessed her professional growth as an Advisor for SOMA Pilipinas, a Consultant working with South of Market based organizations serving the Filipino community, and as the Community Engagement and Communications Lead at the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families. She approaches her work with a deep sensitivity and solution driven approach which connects communities, bridges differences and builds trust. I thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Dori, and came to know her as a valuable asset to any team and a beloved member of many communities. She is trustworthy, visionary, and incredibly hard-working. Beyond that, Dori is an innovator who is always creating and curating meaningful experiences for community empowerment. You can feel her imprint in the City's entertainment, culture and nightlife communities.

Without a doubt, I confidently recommend Dori for reappointment on her second term as the Neighborhood Representative on the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. Her colleagues have elected her to serve as Vice President for a second term which speaks to her integrity and leadership. Her knowledge of San Francisco's diverse communities and neighborhoods is most notable. As a committed and knowledgeable public servant and an allaround great person, I know that she will continue to be a valuable asset for the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely yours,

Hydra Mendoza

Deputy Chancellor, NYC Department of Education Division of Community Empowerment, Partnerships, and Communications Former President, San Francisco Board of Education and Former Deputy Chief of Staff for Education and Equity to Mayor Lee

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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar and Supervisor Fewer,

I proudly share my full support of Theodora Caminong (Dori) in her re-application for the neighborhood representative seat of the San Francisco Entertainment Commission.

I first met Dori when she was Head of Special Events at Glide Foundation. She was an integral part of engaging the broader community in the challenges and beauty of the Tenderloin community. She oversaw inclusive, fun events and activities for individuals to participate in such as Annual Legacy Gala and countless volunteer opportunities. She was the driver of building an authentic community for both native San Franciscans and those who may have just arrived to participate in a meaningful way in the community. When I was an aide to former Supervisor Jane Kim, we first nominated Dori to be on the Entertainment Commission in 2015. She had relationships that bridged different communities and we were confident that she would be a strong neighborhood voice for the Commission. Additionally, in spite of the Filipino community's leadership in the City, there is a dearth of appointees to the City's Commissions. It was an opportunity to nominate a Filipina to an important Commission.

In this vein, Dori embodies the spirit and legacy of SOMA Pilipinas which is rooted in love, pride, and people power. As a woman of color who is a native-born San Franciscan and who has grown with the evolution of the City, she embodies the spirit of today's San Franciscan, an architect of social change with great compassion and authenticity. With deep empathy, she is masterful in her approach to designing meaningful experiences and engagement for all people.

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Thank you,

April Veneracion Ang Senior Associate HMS Associates

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Chair Ronen, Supervisor Walton, Supervisor Mar -

I am writing to express my support for Dori Caminong for her reappointment to the San Francisco Entertainment Commission (Seat 1, Neighborhood Representative).

Ms. Caminong has deep knowledge and experience related to serving San Francisco citizens from individuals to youth and families from diverse San Francisco populations and their various needs. Through her work at the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families, she interfaces with over 150 community-based agencies serving San Francisco's youth and families.

Through her tenure on the Entertainment Commission, she has been committed to advocacy for safe and healthy nightlife. She has been a strong voice in supporting and protecting venues with cultural legacies so they may continue to thrive and flourish in our community. More importantly, she deeply values the culture of San Francisco's arts, nightlife and entertainment along with its economic impact.

I highly recommend and encourage your consideration of Ms. Caminong for the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. She is an exceptional leader that will bring significant value and insight to the Entertainment Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yoyo Chan Golden State Warriors