

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner (File No. 201084)
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Subject: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Attn: Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
City Hall, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Cynthia (Cyn) Wang, and I am a SFUSD mom, small business owner, and United Democratic Club board member writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner. I also previously served as assistant city attorney to several Bay Area cities, giving me a strong background in planning and land use. Based on this background, I believe Rachael is deeply qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Rachael brings a wealth of experience as Senior Planner focusing on the Excelsior and Outer Mission neighborhoods, a legislative aide, and a member of the Board of Permit Appeals. She knows the impact legislation has on our neighborhoods, the importance of public input, and the role the Planning Department plays in ensuring our City can remain a place for small businesses, working families, and all of our diverse communities.

As a former resident of the Bayview and SOMA, and current resident of the

“Hub” area, Rachael sees and experiences daily the results of the Planning Department’s recent Eastern Neighborhoods, Western SOMA, Central SOMA , and Hub Area planning efforts. The City’s eastern neighborhoods have shouldered the majority of San Francisco’s new development, and having a resident from this part of the City will help ensure these issues are represented on the Planning Commission.

Additionally, as you know, diversity and representation matter, particularly on the Planning Commission. With the resignation of former commissioner Milicent Johnson, there are currently no African Americans on the Planning Commission. San Francisco, like so many other cities is still confronting our dark history of racist land use policies such as redlining and urban renewal, which have disproportionately impacted our city’s black community. Rachael’s appointment to the Planning Commission is important to ensure we continue to have African American representation on this important body.

I urge you to support Rachael’s nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Wang

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
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From: Tina Funai <tinachangfunai@gmail.com>
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Subject: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am proud to support the nomination of Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Rachael and I first crossed paths as colleagues at the San Francisco Planning Department. Rachael worked in the Citywide Planning division, and I in Current Planning. Although we served in different divisions with different focuses, we were both part of the burgeoning racial equity efforts at the City. This allowed our work paths to intersect more so than they would otherwise. We participated in the Department's first racial equity cohort; we attended the training sessions hosted by the Government Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE). Together with a team, Rachael and I worked strategically to advance racial equity in the Planning Department.

During my time working alongside her, I observed Rachael's commitment to racial and social equity. I watched her approach her work strategically, and with pragmatism and professionalism. These are the same qualities that would describe her approach as a Planning Commissioner.

Furthermore, it is important that we have a Commission that reflects the diversity of our city. Confirming Rachael to the Planning Commission will ensure the African American community in San Francisco is reflected on the Planning Commission. Rachael's appointment, however, would go deeper than appearances, as she would tactfully hold the Planning Department accountable for its commitments to the African American community specifically, and racial and social equity more broadly.

Rachael is a professional, pragmatic and extremely qualified woman who will positively contribute to the Planning Commission.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Tina Chang

Professional Planner and Real Estate Developer, Daughter of Refugees, Mother, & District 10 Resident

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Shirmila Cooray. My husband and I live in District 10, along with our daughter. **I am writing to support the nomination of Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

I came to know Rachael while she lived in our housing community located near Third Street and Carroll. Though she wasn't in a formal leadership position, Rachael and her partner began a tradition of hosting events during holidays and periodically throughout the year. Opening their home welcoming strangers in to become friends--and to truly become neighbors. It's a tradition that we were so happy to be a part of and one that has continued (well except for the COVID interruptions).

As a professional, I connect with individuals and institutions to raise the resources necessary to support organizations leading transformational change. As a development director, I am responsible for engaging donors, but also ensuring that I can stand behind the mission of the organizations I work for, knowing we are having a positive impact. Likewise, I support Rachael's nomination because I know she can deliver. She will be a thoughtful, compassionate planning commissioner who will listen to all parties before her and make the decision that is in the best interest of San Franciscans.

I also know how important it is to ensure that our city has representation that reflects the diversity of our city. That includes racial diversity--which Rachael will certainly bring to the Commission--as well as commissioners who represent different generations, who live in more urban parts of our city, and can bring a well-rounded experience of the city. Rachael will be that commissioner.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Best,
Shirmila

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To: [BOS-Supervisors](#)
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From: Marvin K. White <mwhite@glide.org>
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RE: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner


Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Marvin K. White. I serve as the Minister of Celebration and Congregational Life for Glide Memorial Church. I am also an active poet, preacher, arts leader, arts organizer and public theologian in community.

I am writing this letter on my own behalf to support the nomination of Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission.

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I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Luzia Ebnoether. I have been a San Francisco resident since 1980. I currently am a resident of District 6; where I have lived and raised my family since 1997. I am a member of the Homeowners Association at 101 Valencia. In my professional career, I serve as the Controller in a downtown law firm. **I am writing to support the nomination of Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

I reside in District 6, where I am a proud homeowner at 101 Valencia. Our community is an example of the powerful impact City policy can have. Our development opened in 1997 as affordable ownership housing located at the corner of Valencia and McCoppin. I was selected in the lottery and able to purchase my home. Like many "original owners", I have gained stability in San Francisco thanks to the investment the City made in building this housing.

I came to know Rachael through her leadership in our community. Shortly after moving in, she joined our homeowners association and became the president immediately. Serving as the president is a thankless job and consequently hard to fill; Rachael raised her hand to take on the role. I served as Vice President. **Through her leadership, we have become a focused and efficient board, able to discharge our duties to maintain the buildings, and with sufficient energy to advance new projects.** For example, Rachael is helping to develop committees to engage more owners in our community. I have already noticed residents being more engaged based on these efforts.

Rachael also listens patiently to residents who come before us with issues. Whether writing emails, penning letters, creating flyers, or engaging during our HOA meetings, Rachael truly listens to people. She works hard to reach compromise and also to explain why sometimes we cannot meet everyone's desires. **Serving on the Planning Commission, I know Rachael will continue to listen, seek to understand, and work diligently with her colleagues and the public in a thoughtful, transparent, and engaging manner. She is a reliable team player and a joy to work with.**

Furthermore, it is important that the Planning Commission have members from urban parts of San Francisco. Neighborhoods like ours need to be represented on the Planning Commission. I love our neighborhood; it's right in the middle of everything with easy access to so many parts of our city. We have great parks, excellent transit options, and--thanks to past and current investments--affordable housing. We also have challenges and it is important to have someone who bikes and walks through these challenges on the commission.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,



Luzia Ebnoether
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RE: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Mariko Davidson. My husband, young son, and I are proud District 11 residents. We have been proud to call San Francisco home since 2016. **I am writing to support Rachael Tanner's nomination to the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

In my professional role at Ford Mobility, LLC. I build new mobility partnerships with cities. Formally trained as an urban planner, I build policy initiatives with positive social impact. For the past 13 plus years, I've held leadership roles in technology companies, non-profits, government (municipal, state), and international diplomacy, to build unique and impactful programs with cities.

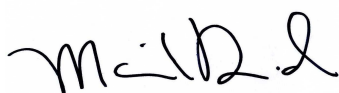
Rachael and I first became acquainted through our graduate studies program. We both matriculated through the Master's in City Planning Program offered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During that time, Rachael played a leading role in the Students of Color Committee. She also ran for and was elected to the student government of the department. In these two roles she helped give students a voice in the process of selecting new faculty and helped build community among the student body.

Since our time as classmates, I have seen her chart a career path aligned with her values and always seek to make the world a better place. Rachael is focused, serious, and really puts her heart into any endeavor. I know that as a Planning Commissioner she will discharge her duties with grace, a sense of camaraderie with her fellow commissioners, and always with the intention to do what is just and equitable.

Rachael spent time working in District 11; getting to know my "outer neighborhood." I know that her curiosity and relationship building skills will ensure she gets to know all the neighborhoods of San Francisco. That she understands what it's like hustling to BART on streets that weren't designed for bikes and sidewalks that aren't always hospitable to pedestrians. She understands how hard families like mine work to carve out a place to call home in this city. And she takes to heart a responsibility to ensure San Francisco continues to be a city on a hill, shining bright as an example throughout the world.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,



Mariko Davidson
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From: [Marvin K. White](#)
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Via email to: victor.young@sfgov.org

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Cc: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Letter of Support for Rachel Tanner for SF Planning Commission
Date: Sunday, October 18, 2020 10:07:52 AM

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Dear Esteemed Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

On June 11, 2020 the San Francisco Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 20738 centering the Planning Department's work program and resource allocation on racial and social equity. Subsequently, the San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission adopted Resolution No. 1127 on July 15, 2020 centering Preservation Planning on racial and social equity.

While racial and social equity initiatives have been in the works at the Planning Commission since 2016, we continue to see the disparity gap widen for so many San Franciscans but none more devastating than for Black families and individuals who have been dispossessed and striped from cultural spaces.

COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement has forced all of us to realize how important it is for folks who are at the decision making table to have lived experience, some foundational education in Black liberation strategies, and leadership with an equitable lens. Rachael Tanner embodies all of these qualities and should have your vote today to become the newest member of the SF Planning Commission.

While Rachel got her start in public service as an intern in college at Congressman John Conyers Office, she decided early on that she wasn't just interested in community building but she was specifically committed to the upliftment of Black people and moved on to work at the Harriet Tubman Center.

Seeing that many of the maladies that existed in the Black community was directly attributed to how cities were designed due to historically racist policies, Rachael was inspired to pursue her Masters in City Planning with a focus on economic development. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from MIT and has now worked as a City Planner in Long Beach, Palo Alto and San Francisco.

I've had the pleasure to speak with Rachael about my concerns that Resolution No 20738 sounds great but doesn't mean much if the Planning Department doesn't take direct action or partner with other City Agencies to remove harmful polices which have negatively impacted the Black Community. We talked about spatial justice, the lack of access to resources and adequate open space in Southeast, Fillmore and OMI areas where she worked as a Legislative aid and we shared similar views on positive ways to move these communities forwards.

Rachael's ability to truly listen and work collaboratively with community is what makes her so special. This was exhibited over the past 2 years during the Calle 24 tree preservation initiative that came before the Board of Appeals. Rachael wisely worked with the Board to allow as much time as was needed so that the final resolution would be community directed. Balancing community safety, historic & environmental preservation issues, and staying under budget and providing more resources to ignored communities like the Mission district is no easy feat.

Our Latinx & Black communities need more wins like this and I know Rachael will bring this same zeal for community-centered decision making to the Planning Commission and this is why she has my full support!

Respectfully Yours,

Bivett Brackett

Sent from my iPhone

October 16, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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Via email to: (1) Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org (2) victor.young@sfgov.org

RE: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is David Hooper. I am long-time resident of the Mission Terrace neighborhood in San Francisco. I retired from MUNI and have been dedicated to the city and to ensuring our neighborhood is strong and vibrant. **I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Rachael Tanner to the Planning Commission.**

I became acquainted with Rachael during her time as a senior planner with the San Francisco Planning Department. Rachael staffed the Excelsior and Outer Mission Neighborhood Strategy. I served on the Working Group for the Neighborhood Strategy. Our working group's vision statement reflected the goal of the strategy: "As our neighborhood changes, we support, sustain, and enhance what makes our neighborhood special: our families and elders, economic and ethnic diversity, small businesses, and local gems."

Through this planning process, I came to know Rachael as a warm, caring, thoughtful, patient and dedicated planner. She took her responsibilities seriously and listened to everyone, included everyone, provided clarity and always endeavored to help the Working Group members reach a consensus. Oftentimes, Working Group members could find agreement; other times we could not. Nevertheless, Rachael remained committed to open and transparent dialogue that ensured all viewpoints were respected and considered and members of the working group developed respect for each other's point of view.

I know Rachael will bring these qualities to the Planning Commission.

Rachael is highly qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission. Whether it be in her role as a Senior Planner, a legislative aide, or a member of the Board of Permit Appeals, Rachael brings years of experience working with San Francisco's diverse communities. She knows the impact legislation has on our neighborhoods, the importance of public input, and the role the Planning Department plays in ensuring our City can remain a place for small businesses, working families, and all of our diverse communities.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,
David Hooper

From: [Renesha Westerfield](#)
To: [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
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Via e-mail to: Victor.Young@sfgov.org

RE: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Renesha Westerfield. I am a human resources professional and I live in District 4. **I am writing to support the nomination of Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

I have had the opportunity to observe Rachael's character. **The traits she exhibits are exactly the traits San Francisco needs. Rachael is empathetic, a great listener, organized, thorough, and committed to equity.**

I came to know Rachael when she prepared me to officiate the wedding of two friends. Rachael worked to ensure I had all the know-how to officiate what would be my first wedding. She cheered me on and focused on the positive. Rachael also helped the couple think through the momentous nature of the ceremony as well as the small details that would make their ceremony extraordinary. Focused more on substance than on appearance, Rachael encouraged us to dig deep and work from a place of love and vulnerability.

A short time later, I decided to join Rachael by officiating more weddings as part of Officially Hitched; the collective she started. Rachael saw an unmet need: couples seeking officiants with contemporary sensibilities, of diverse backgrounds, and who were open-minded. As her success grew, more couples approached her than she could possibly serve. Rather than turn away these couples, Rachael decided to invite more officiants into the work. Together, we have created a diverse collective that serves couples throughout the Bay Area.

I feel this aspect of Rachael's life demonstrates her ability to pay attention to details while keeping her eye on the big picture. It shows that Rachael is committed to diversity and

inclusiveness; she has worked with couples from all walks of life and helped ensure our collective is inclusive and diverse. Furthermore, Rachael listens carefully to the couples she serves. Rachael creates space for the couples and our team to speak openly and honestly.

In this time of crisis, San Francisco needs leaders who can listen, who can empathize, and who can create an atmosphere in which we can work together for a better future.

As a Black woman, and soon to be mother of a Black son, I will be so proud to have Rachael on the Planning Commission. She will be an important representation of the Black community. While this is important, it's as important that she is prepared with the skills needed to efficiently, thoughtfully, and knowledgeably discharge the duties entrusted to her.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Renisha Westerfield

From: [Kindra Scharich](#)
To: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Rachael Tanner Letter of Support
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Please excuse the typo in paragraph 3, line 5. The sentence should read: potentially contentious
Thank you!

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On Oct 16, 2020, at 6:21 PM, Kindra Scharich <kindrita@mac.com> wrote:

<Tanner Support Letter.pdf>
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Via email to: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

RE: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Andrew Turco. My wife Stephanie and I live in District 8, and for the last six years, we've called San Francisco home. Just last year, we were able to buy a home and further settle into the city. **I am writing to unequivocally support Rachael Tanner's nomination to the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

Rachael and I both met through our matriculation in the Master's in City Planning Program offered by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During that time, we served together on the student government for our Department. I know from that experience that she is committed to equitably and efficiently discharging the duties she is assigned and doing so in a way that is inclusive. I know she will bring that same attitude to the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Since our time as classmates, I have known Rachael as a woman who thoughtfully considers choices put before her. We've spent time pouring over ballot initiatives as voters, debating the best policy for San Franciscans and Californians. Rachael is thoughtful, deliberate, and always seeking to do the most good while doing no harm. These experiences give me complete confidence that she will be a planning commissioner who pursues justice and equity while steering our city into the future.

Through my job as a builder of transit-oriented, infill housing in the region, I have the opportunity to regularly go before various planning commissions. From these experiences, I know how important commissioners' commitment, respectfulness, resourcefulness, openness, and collaborative mindset are for achieving ideal outcomes. I know from experience that Rachael has these characteristics. I have complete confidence that Rachael would assess all matters with integrity and work to find an optimal and realistically achievable outcome that brings the most good to all parties.

I highly urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,
Andrew Turco
San Francisco resident and TOD housing developer



Members of the Board of Supervisors
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10/16/2020

Re: Planning Commission - Letter of Support for appointment of Rachael Tanner

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Debra Walker. I am a resident of District 9, an Arts Commissioner for the City and County of San Francisco, and an artist. I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

In addition to my career as an artist, I am past president of both the Harvey Milk LGBT Democratic Club and the San Francisco Arts Democratic Club; a past board member of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research center; and I chaired both the Live Work and Arts Task forces created by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Suffice it to say, I am committed to supporting the development of forward thinking urban policies to address challenges and take advantage of opportunities. I am also deeply committed to San Francisco and ensuring our city is the absolute best it can be.

It gives me great pleasure to author this letter of support for Rachael Tanner. Her expertise will compliment the current planning commissioners, ensuring that we have diverse perspectives buttressed by real-world planning experience. From her role as a Senior Planner working on policies focused on the Excelsior and Outer Mission neighborhoods, a legislative aide, and member of the Board of Permit Appeals, Rachael brings years of experience working with San Francisco's diverse communities. She knows the impact legislation has on our neighborhoods, the importance of public input, and the role the Planning Department plays in ensuring our City can remain a place for small businesses, working families, and all of our diverse communities.

As a former resident of the Bayview and SOMA, and current resident of the "Hub" area, Rachael sees and experiences daily the results of the Planning Department's recent Eastern Neighborhoods, Western SOMA, Central SOMA, and Hub Area planning efforts. The City's eastern neighborhoods have shouldered the majority of San

Francisco's new development, and having a resident from this part of the City will help ensure these issues are represented on the Planning Commission.

Additionally, we must have diverse representation on the Planning Commission. With the resignation of former commissioner Milicent Johnson, there are currently no African Americans on the Planning Commission. San Francisco, like so many other cities is still dealing with the impacts of racist land use policies such as redlining and urban renewal, which have disproportionately impacted our city's African American community.

Rachael's appointment to the Planning Commission is important to ensure we continue to have African American representation on this important body.

I urge you to support Rachael's nomination to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

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Re: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Kindra Scharich. I am a resident of 3158 24th Street in San Francisco's District 9. It is my profound joy to write to you in **strong support of Rachael Tanner for the Planning Commission.**

Last year I became one of four appellants in opposition to the mass ficus tree removals on the 24th Street corridor. The final hearing on this matter took place on July 15, three months ago. The resolution presented at the hearing was the result of countless hours of hard work, cooperation and compromise by all parties involved, culminating in a community initiative called *Mission Verde*.

I have attended many Board of Appeals hearings and have always been astonished by Rachael Tanner's capabilities. Our July 15 hearing was no exception. Not only was Ms. Tanner able to quickly assess and absorb all of the critical details of more than 15 months of negotiations between the Bureau of Urban Forestry, four disparate appellants, and the broader District 9 community, but she was also able to preemptively address potentially conscientious issues in our *Mission Verde* plan by requesting more precision and clarity. It is always inspiring to observe a person who possesses facility in their work, but in the case of Rachael Tanner, I would describe her attributes as the place where sound temperament, art, elegance and intellect coalesce.

The traits Ms. Tanner exhibited throughout the discussions at the Board of Appeals demonstrate that she would be a compassionate, capable, and committed addition to the San Francisco Planning Commission.

Furthermore, she will bring much needed representation to our community's Planning Commission, where she will be the lone member of our City's Black community with a seat on the Commission.

Finally, Ms. Tanner has an abundance of real world, on-the-ground experience and expertise in our city. San Francisco should utilize the multitude of talents our residents possess and put them to work on important bodies like the Planning Commission.

I wholeheartedly urge you to support her nomination,

Sincerely,

Kindra Scharich

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San Francisco Resident