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## Fwd: Letter In Support of Rachel Tanner for Planning Commissioner

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**Tyra Fennell** <tyrafennellsf@gmail.com>  
To: r.ann.tanner@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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From: **Bruce Agid** <bruce.h.agid@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 1:07 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Letter In Support of Rachel Tanner for Planning Commissioner  
To: Tyra Fennell <tyrafennellsf@gmail.com>

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From: **Bruce Agid** <bruce.h.agid@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 1:04 PM  
Subject: Letter In Support of Rachel Tanner for Planning Commissioner  
To: Ronen, Hillary <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, Stefani, Catherine <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>, <gordon.mar@sfgov.org>  
Cc: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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

Dear Members of the Rules Committee,

My name is Bruce Agid and I'm writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner. For identification purposes only, I'm the President of the San Francisco Eastern Neighborhoods Democratic Club and Board Member of the South Beach/Rincon/Mission Bay Neighborhood Association. However today I'm writing as a native San Franciscan and an 11 year resident of Mission Bay.

Rachael is deeply qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission. Whether it be in 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. In addition, having experience as Assistant to the City Manager in Palo Alto as well as that of a Program Specialist in the Long Beach City Manager's Office adds to her diverse amount of experience and background.

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 planning efforts. The City's eastern neighborhoods have and will shoulder 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. As a community leader in the eastern part of the City, I know this experience and knowledge is critical. Planning is more than building housing and office space, it's about building community and I know with Rachel's background she will be an excellent addition to this 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. 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,

Bruce Agid

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Warmest Regards,

**Tyra Fennell**

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## Letter of Support for Rachel Tanner for SF Planning Commission

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**Bivett Brackett** <bivett@icloud.com>

Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 10:07 AM

To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, Aaron.Peskin@sfgov.org, prestonstaff@sfgov.org, marstaff@sfgov.org, shamann.walton@sfgov.org, norman.yee@sfgov.org, rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org, sandra.fewer@sfgov.org, matt.haney@sfgov.org, ronenStaff@sfgov.org, Ahsha.Safai@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, Rachael Tanner <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>  
Cc: victor.young@sfgov.org

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

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**Rachael Tanner** <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 11:58 AM

To: Bivett Brackett <bivett@icloud.com>

THANK YOU!!!  
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**Bivett Brackett** <bivett@icloud.com>  
To: Rachael Tanner <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

Sun, Oct 18, 2020 at 4:15 PM

Anytime my sistah!

#EmergeTogether #EmergeForwards #EmergeForever 🦋 🟤

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 18, 2020, at 11:58 AM, Rachael Tanner <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com> wrote:

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## Fwd: Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

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**Tyra Fennell** <tyrafennellsf@gmail.com>  
To: r.ann.tanner@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 10:04 AM

FYI

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From: <[kimberly.k.brandon@gmail.com](mailto:kimberly.k.brandon@gmail.com)>

Date: Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 9:44 AM

Subject: Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

To: <[Gorgon.Mar@sfgov.org](mailto:Gorgon.Mar@sfgov.org)>, <[Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org](mailto:Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org)>, <[Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org](mailto:Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org)>

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I hope all continues to be well with you and thank you for your leadership during this health and racial justice crisis.

My name is Kimberly Brandon, President of the Port Commission, native San Franciscan and resident of Bayview Hunters Point. I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

Rachael is a capable and qualified nominee with vast experience in city planning in San Francisco including her role at the San Francisco Planning Department, where she was focused on the Outer Mission and the Excelsior. She has also lived in the Bayview and now South of Market (SoMA) and is extremely knowledgeable about the planning efforts in this sector of the City.

It would be so wonderful to have the opportunity to work with Rachael in the Southeastern section of the City, along the Third Street corridor, where new communities are being planned and developed. We need a representative on the Planning Commission that knows the area and the needs of its residents. It's also extremely important to have diverse representation on this and every Commission in the City and County of San Francisco.

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

Take care,

Kimberly Brandon

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Warmest Regards,

**Tyra Fennell**

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**Rachael Tanner** <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>  
To: "r. ann. tanner" <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 8:52 AM

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From: **Tina Funai** <tinachangfunai@gmail.com>  
Date: Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 10:44 AM  
Subject: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner  
To: <Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org>

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

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## Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

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**Shirmila Cooray** <sncooray@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 2:24 PM

To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

Bcc: R.Ann.Tanner@gmail.com

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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**Rachael Tanner** <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 2:46 PM

To: "Fennell, Tyra (MYR)" <tyra.fennell@sfgov.org>

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**Fwd: Appointment to the Planning Commission**

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Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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From: **Gina Fromer** <ginafromer@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 1:17 PM  
Subject: Appointment to the Planning Commission  
To: <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>**Re: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Gina Fromer and I am a long standing community advocate and native of the Bayview Hunters Point Community of SF. I sit as the Chair of the Southeast Community Facility Commission and the Director of Our Lady of Lourdes Food Pantry in Bayview. I email you today not representing these entities but as a private citizen in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

Rachael is deeply qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission. Whether it be in 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 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,

Gina M. Fromer, MS



Reply

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Warmest Regards,

**Tyra Fennell**

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

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  
1330 Stevenson St. Apt. C401, San Francisco, CA 94103

October 16, 2020

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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

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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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## Fwd: Letter of Support for Rachel Tanner | Planning Commission Nominee

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**Tyra Fennell** <tyrafennellsf@gmail.com>  
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Date: Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 6:24 PM  
Subject: Letter of Support for Rachel Tanner | Planning Commission Nominee  
To: <Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org>, Ronen, Hillary <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>

Board of Supervisors:

My name is Bradley Owens and I am a black homeowner in the Mission. I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

Rachael is uniquely qualified to serve on the SF Planning Commission. She brings years of relevant experience working with SF's diverse communities, including her leadership as a Senior Planner focused on policies in Excelsior and Outer Mission, contributions as a legislative aide, and 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 remains a place for small businesses, working families, and all diverse communities.

As a former resident of 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 ensure these issues are represented on the Planning Commission.

Moreover, 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. SF continues to reel from the impact of racist land use policies such as [redlining](#) and urban renewal, which have disproportionately impacted our city's black community. Rachael's appointment is important to ensure we continue to have black representation on this important body.

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

Bradley

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Warmest Regards,

**Tyra Fennell**

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Patricia Sullivan from the Family Child Care Association of San Francisco and I am lending my support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

The Family Child Care Association of San Francisco represents family childcare business owners/educators all over San Francisco, essential workers who struggle to survive in one of the most expensive cities in the world. We appreciate the San Francisco Planning Commission's efforts to represent the diversity of the citizenry and the importance of supporting commissioners from every community.

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

Sincerely,

Patricia Sullivan, EdD, Director FCCASf





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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Andre Jackson and I am a Ma'at Psychotherapist at the Homeless Children's Network and have been a resident of San Francisco since 2017,] I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

Ma'at is a program within the Homeless Children's Network family that provides mental health services specifically focused on African American/Black children and supporting their families. Historically and continually the African American/Black community has been negatively and directly impacted by systematic racism, which expresses itself through housing and health disparities, lack of access to healthy food choices and law enforcement violence. These issues are multifaceted and requires individuals that are qualified to help repair the injustices of the past and help to pave a path to greater equality and security for all people.

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

Sincerely,

Andre Jackson

Ma'at Psychotherapist – HCN

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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 Lynn Valente.** I am the program director for People in Plazas, whose mission is to activate public spaces, bringing them to the status of “everyone’s neighborhood.” For seventeen years I was the associate director of the Market Street Association. **I am writing to support the nomination of Rachael Tanner to the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

Throughout my twenty-eight-year career and twenty years as a homeowner in District 6, I have been active in supporting engaging, energized, civic spaces. When the Central Freeway ramp was rebuilt over our streets in SoMa West, we mobilized to make sure that we were given amenities, a dog park, and skate park, to mitigate the negative consequences of the freeway. I know the value of using good planning to make our city livable for everyone.

**It is important that the Planning Commission have members from the more urban parts of San Francisco.** Over the past 10 plus years, neighborhoods like mine and other eastern neighborhoods have changed drastically--from new buildings to new neighbors. It is important to have someone who understands and shares the lived perspective of our neighborhoods. Rachael walks, bikes, eats, shops, and lives in the eastern neighborhoods. She understands the wonderful aspects of our neighborhood--the vibrancy, the convenience, the beautiful and quirky



architecture--as well as our challenges. And we need to have a voice in planning decisions.

I have come to know Rachael through her leadership in our diverse community of 100 condominiums, built in 1997 for first time homeowners. She took the step of joining our homeowner's association and becoming the president just a few months after moving-in. **Rachael is committed to engaging all residents of our community in her free time, so I have no doubt she will bring these values to her work as a Planning Commissioner, seeking to listen, to understand, and to find opportunities to advance solutions that move the entire community forward.**

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

Sincerely,

Lynn Valente

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October 18, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Dion-Jay Brookter. A proud member of the SF Police Commission, the Executive Director of Young Community Developers (YCD) and a District 10 resident. **I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

Established in 1973, YCD is a 48-year-old 501c (3) community-based organization who provides a variety of training and support opportunities for residents of the Bayview Hunters Point community of San Francisco. In 2019 along YCD serviced over twelve hundred (1,200) individuals with employment and training services.

As a member of the Police Commission, I know what it takes to serve on a public commission. Dedication, passion, and a commitment to San Francisco are a must for service. Rachael has the necessary passion, commitment, and dedication to serve on the Planning Commission.

**Furthermore, Rachael is qualified, prepared, and equipped with the know-how and skills to serve on the Planning Commission.** She has studied at the top planning school in the nation. Moreover, she has applied that knowledge to her work in San Francisco and in other California cities. Whether it be in 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.

**Rachael sees and experiences daily the results of the Planning Department's recent Eastern Neighborhoods, Western SOMA, Central SOMA, and Hub Area planning efforts.** Rachael has called these neighborhoods home and resides today in District 6. These areas have shouldered much of the City's development. Having a commissioner with the lived experience of these neighborhoods will bring a new

perspective to the Planning Commission.

**Additionally, we must have diverse representation on the Planning Commission.** Rachael's appointment to the Planning Commission is critical to ensure we continue to have African American representation on this important body. **She will be the only Black member of the Planning Commission.** **In a city committed to demonstrating that Black lives matter, hearing from Black voices must be a priority.** 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.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dion-Jay L. Brookter". The signature is stylized and includes a large loop at the beginning.

Dion-Jay L. Brookter, MBA  
Executive Director  
Young Community Developers



Rachael Tanner <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

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## Fwd: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner

2 messages

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**Tyra Fennell** <tyrafennellsf@gmail.com>  
To: r.ann.tanner@gmail.com

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 10:04 AM

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From: **Maurice Rivers** <jumpstreet1983@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 5:48 PM

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

To: <Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org>, <Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org>, <Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org>

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Maurice Rivers, and I'm the Executive Director of the OMI Cultural Participation Project in San Francisco District 11. I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

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Sincerely,

Maurice Rivers

OMI Cultural Participation Project



**Maurice Rivers**

Executive Director & Community Advocate, OMI Cultural Participation Project

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Warmest Regards,

**Tyra Fennell**

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**Tyra Fennell** <[tyrafennellsf@gmail.com](mailto:tyrafennellsf@gmail.com)>

To: [r.ann.tanner@gmail.com](mailto:r.ann.tanner@gmail.com)

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 10:06 AM

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Sincerely,

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October 16, 2020

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

**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

Mission Verde

San Francisco Resident

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**ATTN: Rules Committee - Letter of Support for PC Nominee Rachael Tanner**

1 message

**Andrew Turco** <awturco@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 1:31 PM

To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org

Bcc: R. Ann. Tanner@gmail.com

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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Via email to: [Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org](mailto: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

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## Planning Commission - Letter of Support for appointment of Rachael Tanner

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Debra Walker <debrawalker@debrawalker.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 5:16 PM

To: Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org, victor.young@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Gordon Mar <Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org>, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
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[San Francisco, CA 94102](#)

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.

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Sincerely,  
Debra Walker  
Artist  
Commissioner, San Francisco Arts Commission

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## Rachael Nomination to the Planning Commission

1 message

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**Renisha Westerfield** <renisha97@gmail.com>

Sat, Oct 17, 2020 at 4:48 PM

To: victor.young@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org, Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org

Bcc: R.Ann.Tanner@gmail.com

October 17, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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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 Renisha 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 knowledgeable discharge the duties entrusted to her.

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

*Sincerely,*

*Renesha Westerfield*





Rachael Tanner <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

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**FW: Letter of Support for Rachael Tanner**

1 message

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**Marvin K. White** <mwhite@glide.org>  
To: Rachael Tanner <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 2:02 PM

Here you go.

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**From:** Marvin K. White  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2020 1:19 PM  
**To:** [victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org)  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for Rachael Tanner

October 14, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

ATTN: Rules Committee

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*Via email to:* [victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto:victor.young@sfgov.org)

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

Dear Victor Young,

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.

GLIDE is San Francisco and our stories are indelibly linked. Nationally, Glide is recognized for social justice centered, radically inclusive, extravagantly welcoming, open and affirming spiritual and beloved community.

The work we do centers on alleviating suffering. We thrive being on the forefront of addressing pressing issues, including poverty, housing and homelessness, and racial and social justice. Our heart is built for service.

So, it makes sense that Ms. Rachel Tanner joined as a member of our congregation a few years ago, after about a year of attending our services. Glide's message of radical love resonated with her understanding of God as love and love as a verb. Here at Glide she has put love into action by serving and preparing meals, tithing and supporting Glide's work with financial resources, and joining in weekly celebrations. I am confident that she will bring the values of Glide with her to the Planning Commission.

As a resident of District 6--and past resident of the Bayview and SOMA, Ms. Tanner will bring an important perspective to the Planning Commission. She lives, walks, bikes, shops, and worships in an urban part of our city. An area with great beauty, resources, characters, and challenges. Having this perspective on the Planning Commission is invaluable.

Ms. Tanner is deeply qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission. She has the planning know-how and insight from practical application to apply the planning code. She brings years of experience working with San Francisco's diverse communities, leading community engagement, and ensuring all voices are at the table.

She also is a member of the sadly shrinking but incredibly important Black community in San Francisco. Having diverse representation is incredibly important. With the resignation of former commissioner Millicent Johnson, there are currently no African Americans on the Planning Commission. Seeing ourselves in governing bodies is incredibly important. With her appointment, the Board can ensure that the Black community continues to have a voice at the Planning Commission.

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

Sincerely,

**Marvin K. White**

Minister of Celebration

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**Fwd: In Support of Rachel Tanner**

1 message

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**Tyra Fennell** <tyrafennellsf@gmail.com>  
To: "r.ann.tanner@gmail.com" <r.ann.tanner@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 8:38 PM

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From: **Breanna Zwart** <breanna.zwart@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 8:37 PM

Subject: In Support of Rachel Tanner

To: Stefani, Catherine (BOS) &lt;Catherine.Stefani@sfgov.org&gt;, &lt;Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org&gt;, &lt;Gordon.Mar@sfgov.org&gt;

CC: &lt;Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org&gt;

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Breanna Zwart. I am a resident of District 9 and serve my community in various organizations such as the Feed the Hunger Foundation and San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women. I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for Planning Commissioner.

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Breanna Zwart

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Secretary, Feed the Hunger Foundation

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Warmest Regards,

**Tyra Fennell**

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October 18, 2020

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
**ATTN: Rules Committee**  
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City Hall, Room 244  
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**RE: Letter of Support for Planning Commission Nominee, Rachael Tanner**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Dion-Jay Brookter. A proud member of the SF Police Commission, the Executive Director of Young Community Developers (YCD) and a District 10 resident. **I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner for the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

Established in 1973, YCD is a 48-year-old 501c (3) community-based organization who provides a variety of training and support opportunities for residents of the Bayview Hunters Point community of San Francisco. In 2019 along YCD serviced over twelve hundred (1,200) individuals with employment and training services.

As a member of the Police Commission, I know what it takes to serve on a public commission. Dedication, passion, and a commitment to San Francisco are a must for service. Rachael has the necessary passion, commitment, and dedication to serve on the Planning Commission.

**Furthermore, Rachael is qualified, prepared, and equipped with the know-how and skills to serve on the Planning Commission.** She has studied at the top planning school in the nation. Moreover, she has applied that knowledge to her work in San Francisco and in other California cities. Whether it be in 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.

**Rachael sees and experiences daily the results of the Planning Department's recent Eastern Neighborhoods, Western SOMA, Central SOMA, and Hub Area planning efforts.** Rachael has called these neighborhoods home and resides today in District 6. These areas have shouldered much of the City's development. Having a commissioner with the lived experience of these neighborhoods will bring a new

perspective to the Planning Commission.

**Additionally, we must have diverse representation on the Planning Commission.** Rachael's appointment to the Planning Commission is critical to ensure we continue to have African American representation on this important body. **She will be the only Black member of the Planning Commission.** **In a city committed to demonstrating that Black lives matter, hearing from Black voices must be a priority.** 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.

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

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dion-Jay L. Brookter". The signature is stylized and includes a large loop at the beginning.

Dion-Jay L. Brookter, MBA  
Executive Director  
Young Community Developers

October 16, 2020

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Randal Seriguchi, Jr. I am the Executive Director of Urban Ed Academy. **I am writing in strong support of Rachael Tanner's nomination to the Planning Commission.**

Through my work at Urban Ed, I am tackling education as the civil rights issues of our time. I look at education through a holistic lens, that sees the interconnection of the quality of our education, transportation, and food systems. In this context, our neighborhoods directly impact the success of our students and their ability to compete in a 21st century global economy.

**It is imperative that Planning Commissioners consider the holistic impacts of their decisions on students, children, and their families.** I am confident that Ms. Tanner will bring that perspective to the Planning Commission. She will use her position to hold the department accountable to meeting their stated goal to center racial and social equity in planning processes.

I've known Rachael since the early 2000s. Together, she and I worked to defeat a ballot proposition that aimed to make affirmative action illegal in the state of Michigan; we were both undergraduate students at that time. The experience we shared profoundly impacted our lives. Setting me on a trajectory to continue fighting for civil rights. **I am proud to know Rachael and enthusiastically support her nomination.**

**Rachael is eminently qualified to serve on the San Francisco Planning Commission.** She brings her deep professional knowledge working for the City and County of San Francisco, as well as the leadership role she plays working as the Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services for the City of Palo Alto. Her expertise extends beyond understanding the tools of planning, she is a practitioner. She is a skilled listener, who has spent countless hours engaging community. From working as a community organizer to serving the public as a city employee, she is out in the community listening, learning, and making herself available.

**Lastly, the Black community needs a seat at the table. Representation matters.** Urban Ed Academy has an express goal to have one Black male teacher in every elementary school in the city. We work to properly invest in a set of teacher supports necessary to make this a reality. It's important that the Rules Committee and Board of Supervisors ensure our Planning Commission represents the diversity of our city. There are no Black San Franciscans on the Planning Commission--and few Black planners employed by the Department. How can a department with limited representation claim to center racial and social equity, and especially the Black community, without a member of the Black community at the table?

***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 Gwendolyn Zackery Brown. I am writing on behalf of SF Black Wallstreet (<http://www.sfblackwallstreet.com/>). **We emphatically support Rachael Tanner for the San Francisco Planning Commission.**

SF Black Wallstreet was founded in June 2020 by a group of seven Black San Francisco natives in response to the devastating impact of COVID-19 and anti-Black racism on Black business, cultural space, and stakeholderhood. We are a network of community servants, professionals, and cultural influencers who are committed to Black sovereignty.

The leaders of SF Black Wallstreet understand the importance of having a seat at the table. Our community needs representation on the Planning Commission. **Without representation, the Planning Department's commitment to Black Lives and centering racial equity ring hollow.**

**More than representation, we need leaders in San Francisco who are connected to and understand the challenges facing Black San Franciscans and our historically Black neighborhoods.** The Planning Department and various redevelopment agencies have been agents of destruction for decades. The City, however, is turning to a new way of approaching planning and development; one that seeks to enrich and build on our cultural history instead of tearing it down. The City can join with us in building Black spaces, building Black wealth through homeownership, and supporting economic development. **Rachael understands the needs of our community and is committed to ensuring they are centered as the Department plans for the City's future.**

Rachael is a professional who will bring her knowledge of planning to the Commission. I first came to know Rachael when she worked for the San Francisco Planning Department. She was committed to reaching out to leaders in the OMI neighborhood. She was tasked with bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders in the Excelsior, Outer Mission area; and then working together to find common ground. **She exhibited superb listening skills, ability to connect with people from all walks of life, and a genuine dedication to the community. This is the type of leadership we**

**desperately need at the Planning Commission.**

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

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Zachery Brown

SF Black Wallstreet