

June 15, 2025

Board President Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Cc: Rules Committee Chair Shamann Walton, Rules Committee Member Supervisor Stephen Sherrill

RE: Strong Support for Marjan Philhour's Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Board President Mandelman,

As leaders within San Francisco's Filipino American community, we write with deep pride and full support for the appointment of Marjan Philhour to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Marjan's nomination represents more than just an appointment, it symbolizes the inclusion of Filipino voices in critical decision-making roles within our city. For generations, Filipino Americans have been integral to the cultural, civic, and labor fabric of San Francisco—from the historic struggle for housing justice at the I-Hotel to our frontline contributions in healthcare and public service. Yet our community remains underrepresented in the very institutions that shape city policy and public safety.

Marjan is uniquely positioned to help change that. As the daughter of a Filipino immigrant and a mother raising her children in San Francisco, she brings a lived experience that reflects both the challenges and aspirations of our community. Her perspective as a multiracial working mother is invaluable to a Commission tasked with overseeing a department that must serve all of San Francisco's diverse residents with fairness and respect.

Professionally, Marjan brings over three decades of policy, governance, and civic leadership experience that spans Capitol Hill, the Governor's office, and her own small business here in San Francisco. She understands how government should work and how to hold it accountable. Her work with small businesses, neighborhood safety forums, and the co-founding of the Balboa Village Merchants Association has built trust across communities and shown her deep commitment to public safety and equity.

Marjan understands that reform and public safety are not mutually exclusive. She has been a clear, consistent voice for police staffing, modern investigative tools, and community policing that actually works, especially in our merchant corridors where many Filipino-owned small businesses continue to struggle with break-ins and theft.

With the recent retirement announcement of Chief Bill Scott, the Police Commission faces the critical task of shaping the next chapter of leadership for SFPD. Marjan's inclusion on the Commission will bring balance, integrity, and a sharp understanding of both departmental operations and the broader needs of the community.

As Filipino American leaders, we believe that appointing Marjan Philhour is not only the right choice, it's the necessary one. Her voice on the Police Commission would mark a critical point for representation, safety, and inclusion in our city.

We strongly urge you to appoint Marjan Philhour to the San Francisco Police Commission.

With respect and solidarity,
(Organizations included for identification purposes only)

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President, Filipino American Arts Exposition / Pistahan Parade and Festival

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Community Organizer, Social Justice Activist and Community Advocate



June 16, 2025

Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee:

I am writing this letter today on behalf of Hasib Emran's nomination for the San Francisco Police Commission. During his several years of involvement within the Afghan American Community Organization, Hasib demonstrated high level qualities of professionalism, integrity, and dedication to public service and helping others in need making him an excellent candidate I believe for this position.

Hasib, through his work as the California Deputy State Controller overseeing taxation in California, knows the importance of a functioning government that meets the needs of the people. As a representative on the State Board of Equalization, property taxes administered have had a direct impact on funding our schools, first responders, and local governments. Chairing the Franchise Tax Board, Hasib believes taxation is core to any democratic society and sees the direct result of tax dollars at work which funds our police departments, equipment, infrastructure, and pays pensions for all government employees.

As a Human Rights Commissioner, Hasib has had the honor of joining the AACO on several occasions, speaking to the community and students advocating for human rights here at home and abroad. Hasib brought specific examples of problem solving, such as gathering community stakeholders to suppress crime at the Islamic Society of San Francisco who witnessed rampant drug dealing, prostitution, and shootouts at the mosque door. Hasib has always demonstrated strong communication skills, and shows his ability to effectively communicate with all individuals, regardless of religion or creed, which is an essential trait for anyone looking to hold some form of public office.

In addition, Hasib has consistently displayed exceptional leadership skills, as a former public schoolteacher, he has become a natural leader in the community who is able to motivate and inspire those around them, and the ability to challenge and bring the best out of their colleagues.

In conclusion, as a former Police Commissioner myself I have confidence in Hasib's ability to excel as a San Francisco Police Commissioner. His life background, strong work ethic, and commitment to public service, and deep understanding of the community are all key to representing diverse San Francisco communities.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dion-Jay L. Brookter", with a large, stylized circular flourish at the end.

Dion-Jay L. Brookter, MBA

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June 16th, 2025

Dear Supervisors Walton, Sherrill, and Chair Mandelman

RE: Support Pratibha Tekkey to Police Commission Seat 3

File #250419

This letter is to express my enthusiastic support for Pratibha Tekkey's appointment to Police Commissioner Seat #3. Pratibha Tekkey is a tireless community organizer with an unwavering commitment to underserved communities.

I have known Pratibha for approximately 10 years during which time I have served in different roles with community-based organizations in the Tenderloin, Mid-Market, and Civic Center neighborhoods. In these roles, I have managed various street cleaning and community-led safety efforts and developed expertise in public safety issues, law enforcement, and other social issues impacting our city. I have worked with Pratibha on neighborhood campaigns, observing her skill in understanding complex issues and engaging residents, businesses, and stakeholders effectively. Her approach is rooted in fact-finding, relationship building, community engagement, and a tireless work ethic.

Pratibha has developed deep knowledge of public safety issues affecting our city and will bring an important voice to the commission. Her experience and relationships have given her a nuanced understanding of how crime and law enforcement impact residents, including families with children and businesses. She has demonstrated a strong commitment to addressing the needs of low-income communities of color, leading efforts to improve public safety, community policing, and accountability while centering the needs of the most vulnerable.

Pratibha is incredibly intelligent and works relentlessly to understand issues before the commission. She has developed a reputation as a 'straight-shooter', and she will bring a high level of respect and candor to any deliberation. She is not afraid to pound the pavement and engage directly with those impacted. She evaluates matters logically, reasonably, and with empathy before making fair decisions. She is the ideal candidate for a body tasked with accountability. Pratibha is focused on what is right and just for San Francisco, rather than advancing a political career.

Thank you,

Fernando Pujals

Deputy Director

Mid-Market Business Association

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Dear Supervisors Mandelman, Walton, and Sherrill (Rules Committee):

We, the Richmond District Democratic Club, are writing this letter to express our opposition and concerns regarding Marjan Philhour's bid for a seat on the San Francisco Police Commission. Our club members are quite familiar with Ms. Philhour as she has run to be our supervisor three times in our supervisorial district. As the commission is of high importance in overseeing the San Francisco Police Department and the Department of Public Accountability, our concerns about her candidacy include not only her views on policing, but also specific instances of conduct that show that she is unqualified to serve on a commission which deals with matters of public safety.

Ms. Philhour has a close relationship with the San Francisco Police Officers Association. They endorsed her in her previous bids for Supervisor and also contributed \$10,000 to her campaign for a seat on the SFDCCC. This close relationship presents a clear conflict of interest for Ms. Philhour. It's hard to see how Ms. Philhour can be objective on any issue regarding holding officers accountable for their conduct.

Also, at a time when we are experiencing an unprecedented expression of the authoritarian use of law enforcement to terrorize immigrant communities and crackdown on peaceful protests, we do not need a commissioner who advocates for a version of public safety that believes holding officers accountable is a hostile act that prevents them from doing their job. We need a police commissioner who will work with the department to make sure that policing San Francisco is done in a way that supports SFPD officers - is effective - applied equally - and holds officers accountable for their performance.

Regarding Ms. Philhour's personal conduct, during her first failed bid for Supervisor in 2016, she publicly questioned whether then-candidate Sandra Lee Fewer was actually of Asian descent, an attack which resembled the racist birther conspiracy theory attacks on President Barack

Obama. Given that the Police Commission has worked to eradicate racial bias from the police department, it is automatically disqualifying that she would resort to explicitly engaging in racial bias for her personal benefit. Ms. Philhour has never publicly or privately apologized for her statements calling into doubt the race of Supervisor Fewer.

We also have concerns about the type of people who she continually employed on her campaign despite troubling misconduct. During her most recent campaign for Supervisor, she employed a paid staffer by the name of Forrest Liu. In two separate incidents, Mr. Liu made statements

challenging Supervisor Chan and her supporters to a fight during an event and even yelled at her within five inches of her face. More details of these encounters can be found in this police

report.

Despite having knowledge of these incidents through media reports, she did not take steps to remove him from her campaign nor issue a public or private apology but instead employed him for the entire duration of her third failed bid for District 1 Supervisor.

The most recent disqualifying instance of conduct by Ms. Philhour herself is when she sought a restraining order against David Heller, the president of the Geary Boulevard Merchants' Association, after she alleged he grabbed her arm although no evidence exists of that encounter.

Mr. Heller's support for Connie Chan's re-election campaign for District 1 Supervisor was public and well-known within the campaigns. A judge denied an emergency restraining order stating the emergency restraining order "d[id] not sufficiently show acts of violence, threats of violence, or a course of conduct that seriously alarmed, annoyed, or harassed [Philhour] and caused substantial emotional distress". Furthermore, when Ms. Philhour still pursued her claim, a judge found Ms. Philhour's pursuit of the restraining order so appalling that the case was not only dismissed but she was ordered to pay \$12,000 in attorney's fees of Mr. Heller.

Ms. Philhour's repeated harassment and bullying of people in opposition to her views, either through herself or her associates, automatically disqualifies her for any position which deals with public safety. We make no secret that our club endorsed Sandra Lee Fewer in 2016 and Connie

Chan in 2020 and 2024, the races in which Ms. Philhour ran for Supervisor in our district, but we are prompted to write this letter based on our experiences with her.

We urge you to reject Marjan Philhour's bid to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission because of grave concerns regarding her relationship with the SFPOA and the fact that she would seek to harass and cause emotional distress to those who she deems in opposition to her political viewpoints and career in the name of "public safety" and "law and order", rather than actually focus on serving and protecting the residents she would serve in this position. While some instances of conduct by Ms. Philhour and her associates are more documented than others, we hope that you take these facts presented in the totality of circumstances to oppose her nomination.

Sincerely,

Susan Vaughan
District 1
San Francisco