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Dear Veterans Affairs Commission

I am writing this letter in strong support of William J. Barnickel's reappointment to serve another term as a San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commissioner. Having had the privilege of working alongside him for several years, I can confidently attest to his unwavering commitment, exceptional dedication, and outstanding contributions to the welfare of veterans in our community.

During his tenure as a Commissioner, William has demonstrated an unparalleled passion for assisting veterans with their benefits. His tireless efforts have positively impacted numerous veterans, ensuring they receive the support and resources they rightfully deserve. What sets William apart is his genuine concern for the well-being of veterans, as he consistently goes above and beyond to be available at all hours to provide advice and assistance.

In addition to his role as a Veteran Affairs Commissioner, William serves as the President of the Outer Sunset Merchants and Professional Association (OSMPA). In this capacity, he has exhibited exemplary leadership, fostering collaboration and community engagement. His dedication to the betterment of our neighborhood is evident in the positive impact the OSMPA has had under his guidance.

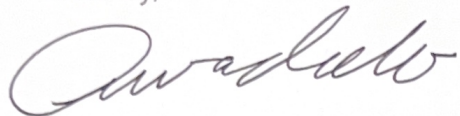
As the Vice President of the OSMPA, I have had the privilege of working closely with William for an extended period. His mentorship has been invaluable, and I have learned from him not only the intricacies of community service but also the importance of conducting oneself with integrity and dedication. William's ability to lead by example and his commitment to doing things the right way have been a source of inspiration for me and others in our organization.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse William J. Barnickel for reappointment as a San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commissioner. His proven track record, unwavering dedication, and exceptional leadership make him an invaluable asset to our community and the veterans he serves. I have utmost confidence that he will continue to excel in his role,

bringing passion, expertise, and a genuine commitment to the well-being of our veterans.

Thank you for considering my recommendation. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Awadalla".

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
City Hall, Room 244
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As a former supervisor and Chief of Operations at the Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy under the California Military Department Youth and Community Programs Task Force Torch, I am writing to express my strong endorsement of Mr. Prince Jordan for any vacant seat on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission.

During his time at the Oakland Military Institute as an Operations Support Specialist and a member of the California State Guard, I had the privilege of working closely with Mr. Jordan. I witnessed firsthand his professionalism and dedication towards mentoring underserved and underrepresented youth from diverse ethnicities and backgrounds residing in the Bay Area. His commitment to their growth and development was truly commendable.

Furthermore, during his free time outside of his responsibilities at the Oakland Military Institute, I observed Mr. Jordan's unwavering passion and commitment towards assisting veterans in San Francisco County and Alameda County. His tireless efforts have helped countless veterans gain access to their military benefits, VA benefits, and healthcare benefits, which most were previously unaware of. Specifically, in San Francisco County, his advocacy work for veterans with mental health issues to have free access to paid parks, military reservist pay, and below-market-rate housing initiatives has been instrumental in improving the lives of veterans in the community. Mr. Jordan collaborated closely with community leaders and politicians to ensure the successful passage of these initiatives into law.

As an officer in the California Army National Guard who still currently serves, I am honored to support Mr. Prince Jordan for any vacant seat on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. His dedication to selfless service and being a public servant is evident in his continued commitment to serving in various roles and capacities, even as a U.S. Navy Veteran himself. I have no doubt that he will be a

strong voice for veterans not only in San Francisco and the Bay Area but also for veterans across the state of California.

I endorse Mr. Prince Jordan for the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. His exceptional leadership, dedication, and passion for serving both the youth and veteran communities make him an ideal candidate for this important role. I am confident that he will continue to make significant contributions towards improving the lives of veterans in San Francisco and beyond.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of Mr. Prince Jordan. Should you require any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

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February 23, 2024

Members of the Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Supervisor Ronen, Walton, and Safai,

I will be attending the Rules Committee meeting on Monday morning as an applicant for the 2nd Seat on the Market Octavia Community Advisory Committee (MOCAC).

I was proposed to this committee a year or so ago, by longtime Member Robin Levitt, and I attended a few of their meetings as a resident.

About me, I own a home on Page Street, in Hayes Valley, a few doors from the Octavia/Page intersection. I am a Board member of the *Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association*, and as of last night's Annual Meeting, elected to serve as President for this new term. As you can imagine, I am very active in the Community, not only with the Association, but assisting ***Friends of the Urban Forest*** in tree planting, ***RefuseRefuse and Civic Joy's*** initiative to *Clean the Streets* every Saturday, as Co-Captain in our neighborhood, and even pitching in to clean the clogged drains in our valley, as recently as during last Tuesday's deluge! I also assist with the Court Watch initiative, and in my spare time work in Guest Services at Oracle Park (Go Giants!).

I spent 35+ years as a General Manager in the private club industry (most recently at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere) and I am now semi-retired and working as a consultant and executive recruiter for my industry. My years of management, particularly for volunteer organizations like private clubs, provided me with the skills and experience in volunteer governance, not to mention patience.

As HVNA President, and active and concerned resident in our neighborhood, I am looking forward to offering my experience and energy with MOCAC.

I look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,



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c: Robin Levitt, Member
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Committee,

I enthusiastically endorse Prince Jordan for the upcoming term as a member of the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. I have had the privilege of working with Prince for more than three years where we both support the cadets and families of Oakland Military Institute College Preparatory Academy (OMI) in Oakland.

Our mission at OMI is to provide the very best opportunity for our cadets to reach and succeed in leading universities and colleges. As a veteran of the United States Navy and currently serving member of California's State Guard, Prince embodies the spirit of Integrity, Selfless Service, and Continuous Community Improvement. This is evident in Prince's dedication to our school and his alma mater where he is frequently engaged in campus mentoring and off-campus community engagement. It was humbling this past December, to see him excel as Chair and principal organizer of ceremonies during the veteran service remembrance event Wreaths Across America at the San Francisco National Cemetery.

Before my federal retirement as Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the California National Guard in 2022, I worked alongside federal, state, and local government officials on multiple initiatives intended to support Servicemember quality of life. I know Prince shares many of my opinions and will work with every San Francisco veteran. Even if it requires him to escort them to the Veterans Administration (VA) to establish a 0% disability rating which would be enough for that veteran to establish VA care. This I know this is effort Prince has already undertaken and will continue to do so in the future.

The commitment needed for San Francisco to nationally lead the way in veterans' support is a tall order. But I assure you Prince has the temperance and compassion to engage every area veteran. He is well-versed in the veteran's legislation, state veteran entitlements, and city support partnerships to the point where I can say in confidence, that if selected as a commission member, he will exceed the expectation of the Supervisors as well as your Constituents.

Gratefully,

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February 23, 2024

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
City Hall, Room 244
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Dear Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee,

I am writing to highly recommend the appointment of Prince Jordan to the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission. As Prince's Godmother, I have known him since he was a young child. I attended his grade school performances. I took him to museums, political events and even helped get him into the Oakland Military Institute at around the age of 10. I was there at his graduation where Gov. Jerry Brown did the commencement. I helped him get his first part-time job at 14. I witnessed his remarkable growth and have always been impressed by his charm and ability to speak with anybody. His easy going personality makes everyone feel at ease. He's a become a very special young man.

More recently, I have been impressed by his accomplishments ranging from involvement with the military, the city government and in assorted political communities. Having resided in San Francisco for over 30 years in the Ingleside district, I was largely unaware of the challenges faced by our veterans until my discussions with Prince. His tireless efforts in advocating for and addressing veterans' issues in the city has been remarkable. He educated me to the pressing needs of this very deserving community.

Prince told me of his personal achievements in connecting countless veterans with their military and healthcare benefits. Also his work with elected officials to enact legislation that benefit veterans in our city and county. Examples of such initiatives include below-market-rate housing for veterans, veterans' priority in the San Francisco housing lottery and free access to paid parks for veterans facing mental health issues. These things, coupled with the recognition and praise he has received from prominent community leaders, have left me very proud of the man he has become.

What impresses me the most about Prince is that he has become a voice for veterans in the City, which is particularly needed during these challenging times. His dedication, coupled with his firsthand experience as a U.S. Navy veteran, positions him to understand and address the needs of our veterans. Prince's qualifications and years of service make him the ideal candidate for a seat on the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission.

Prince also was the Location Coordinator of the Wreath's Across America in San Francisco, devoting much of his time and energy working to honor our fallen veterans for the Christmas holidays. He spent over 40 hours a week as a volunteer. It was very important to him that all the families got to feel recognized.

Lastly, I want to stress my support for Prince Jordan's appointment to the San Francisco Veteran Affairs Commission. His expertise and commitment to serving our veterans has become his passion. I strongly believe that he will make a positive difference on the commission and will greatly benefit the community.

Please give thoughtful consideration to his application and support his appointment to the Commission. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

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