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Re: Letter of Recommendation for Ms. Rebecca Saroyan

Dear Supervisors Walton, Sherril and Mandelman:

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic support for Ms. Rebecca Saroyan as a candidate for Commissioner on the San Francisco Board of Appeals. I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Saroyan for over two decades and know her to be a woman of exceptional intelligence, integrity, and thoughtfulness.

As you are aware, Ms. Saroyan was a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Francisco, and Assistant Regional Counsel for the U.S. General Services Administration, in addition to having worked in private practice. In these positions, she has advised on a wide range of matters including but not limited to real estate and leasing, contract law, ethics, environmental issues, and energy and sustainability issues. Her wide breadth of expertise and deep knowledge of the law would be a tremendous asset to the San Francisco Board of Appeals.

Ms. Saroyan also possesses a strong sense of service and a desire to always give back. This is evident in the fact that she chose to spend most of her legal career in the public sector. However, those same values are present in her personal life as well. For as long as I have known her, Ms. Saroyan has been a philanthropic and community leader, devoting much of her personal time and talents to various organizations in San Francisco that benefit our communities.

In addition to her comprehensive professional and personal experiences, Ms. Saroyan possesses wonderful communication skills. Her welcoming demeanor allows her to handle difficult and/or delicate situations in a graceful and dignified manner which is critical when working with the public and serving on a board. Of note for this position, Ms. Saroyan treats others with fairness, respect, compassion which will translate well to those parties appearing before the Board of Appeals.

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I firmly believe that Ms. Saroyan's skills and assets make her an outstanding choice for the San Francisco Board of Appeals and I hope that you will endorse her nomination.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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I am writing today in full support of Rebecca Saroyan's nomination to the Board of Appeals Commission by Mayor Daniel Lurie.

A proud native of San Francisco, Rebecca currently resides in the Marina with her family. With over 20 years of public service as an attorney, she has gained extensive experience at the federal, state, and city levels, including within San Francisco's government. Her commitment to public service is unwavering, and she is deeply passionate about fostering a stronger and more equitable San Francisco.

I have had the privilege of knowing Rebecca for over a decade, and throughout that time, I have witnessed firsthand her integrity, professionalism, and grace in countless interactions. Her keen judgment, dedication to justice, and ability to navigate complex matters with fairness make her exceptionally qualified for this position.

As a former Human Rights Commissioner, a resident of San Francisco, and a friend, I am honored to offer my enthusiastic support for Rebecca Saroyan's nomination to the Board of Appeals Commission. Her leadership and experience will undoubtedly serve our city well.

Thank you,

Jason Pellegrini

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Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together. -
Vincent Van Gogh



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Friday, May 9, 2025

Dear Assistant Clerk Young,

It is with immense pleasure and without reservation that I recommend **Rebecca Saroyan** for a position on the San Francisco Board of Appeals. I have had the distinct privilege of knowing her for the past ten years as a Hamlin alumna, parent, and trustee of The Hamlin School. During this time, I have consistently been impressed by her exceptional character and unwavering commitment to the values of honesty, inclusion, responsibility, courage, compassion, and respect. I am honored to be able to submit this letter of enthusiastic support to the dossier in support of the supervisory confirmation.

I have been the Head of School for the past 17 years, working in close partnership with trustees on a number of complex issues—from reopening school during the covid-19 pandemic to fundraising for a large construction project to personnel challenges and transitions. I can say with confidence that Rebecca embodies honesty and wisdom in all aspects of their life and work. Her integrity is unimpeachable, and she consistently demonstrates a commitment to truthfulness and transparency in her interactions and decisions. I have witnessed firsthand Rebecca's dedication to ethical conduct, even when faced with complex situations. Rebecca's reputation for being forthright, detail-oriented, and trustworthy speaks volumes about her character. She's also someone who shows up—rarely missing a meeting and always actively engaged when she arrives.

Furthermore, Rebecca has consistently demonstrated a strong sense of loyalty and responsibility. She is highly dependable as Secretary of the Board; her proactive approach and attention to detail make her a highly reliable trustee. We will miss her when she completes her six-year term in June.

San Francisco's Board of Appeals would be so lucky to welcome Rebecca; she possesses the essential qualities of honesty, responsibility, compassion, and respect that are crucial for effective service. I am confident that her dedication, integrity, collaborative spirit, and genuine commitment to serving the public good will make her an invaluable member. I wholeheartedly recommend Rebecca Saroyan for this important position.

Sincerely,

Wanda M. Holland Greene, Head of School



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Supervisor Shamann Walton
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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Dear Chair Walton, President Mandelman, and Supervisor Sherrill,

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic recommendation for Rebecca Saroyan's appointment to the San Francisco Board of Appeals. A native San Franciscan with deep roots across our city, Rebecca exemplifies a lifelong commitment to public service, legal excellence, and civic leadership.

Rebecca's impressive legal career includes two decades as Assistant Regional Counsel for the U.S. General Services Administration, where she provides high-level guidance on matters ranging from federal contracting to energy and sustainability. Her prior service as a Deputy City Attorney for the City of San Francisco—advising agencies such as the Department of the Environment and the Health Service System—further highlights her breadth of experience and nuanced understanding of municipal law and policy.

Beyond her legal work, Rebecca is an active community volunteer and leader, having held roles with the Hamlin Alumni Board, the Junior League of San Francisco, and the San Francisco Symphony. Her dedication to serving the city, alongside her legal acumen and collaborative spirit, makes her remarkably well-suited to the thoughtful work of the Board of Appeals.

I strongly urge you to support Rebecca Saroyan's appointment. Her integrity, expertise, and commitment to San Francisco will be invaluable assets to the Board and to the broader community it serves.

Sincerely,

Catherine Stefani
Assemblymember, Nineteenth District