



January 9th, 2023

President Aaron Peskin
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, City Hall, Room 200
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Reappointment of Cindy Elias to San Francisco Police Commission — SUPPORT

Dear President Peskin and Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club writes in strong support of President Cindy Elias's reappointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

The goals and objectives of the San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club are "working to empower the Latinx Community " in social justice issues such as quality of life issues relative to violence prevention, public safety, and education. The Latino/x community are among those that are targeted at the highest rates with state sanctioned violence, and as such, the Latino community must have commissioners that prioritize the safety of the Latino community with a policy lens that includes police accountability, preventative measures to police violence, and alternatives to incarceration that addresses the crime to its roots through poverty and economic instability.

Ms. Elias has demonstrated a clear knowledge of these issues in her tenure as Police Commissioner and mostly recently, President of the Commission, being active around the policy vision of banning pretext stops, which would ban over 10,000 unnecessary traffic stops that can lead to use of force and police misconduct, and are disproportionately conducted on Black and Brown San Franciscans. Ms. Elias is also the longest serving commissioner on the commission, and one of 9% of the Latinos that currently serve on a City commission, in a city where the Latino community is 15% of San Francisco's population. These percentages are even lower when looking at chartered commissions. Failure to reappoint Ms. Elias would result in a loss to an already underrepresented Latino community on commissions.

As such, the San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club strongly urges you to reappoint Cindy Elias to the San Francisco Police Commission. For questions about our position, please contact us at SFLatinxDems@gmail.com. Thank you again for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The San Francisco Latinx Democratic Club

cc: San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org