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Dear Rules Committee Members:

My name is George Chikovani and I am an attorney practicing business litigation as a partner in the firm Putterman Yu Wang LLP in San Francisco. I have lived in the City for the past 17 years, and currently reside in Miraloma Park. I am writing in support of Jose Lopez's nomination to serve another term on the San Francisco Board of Appeals.

I have known Jose for more than 20 years, dating to our days at UC Berkeley, where we worked together on the student newspaper, The Daily Californian. We also crossed paths on a study abroad program at Cambridge University and later when we were both living in New York City and Jose was working as a public high school teacher. We have stayed close in the years since, as Jose went to law school and then on to two of the most prestigious and selective law firms in the country and now in-house counsel positions at leading global companies. These credentials will tell you that Jose is a brilliant legal mind, hard-working, and dedicated. What I can add to that is that Jose is a person of the highest integrity, who has always cared deeply about public service and community involvement, and has particularly valued his connection to his beloved native Bay Area. As children of immigrant parents, we have bonded over a shared concern for keeping San Francisco a place that holds open the door of opportunity for everyone, and provides justice and fairness without regard to income or social status. Jose has always been there for me when I have asked for support for a social justice cause, whether it is a petition asking for a thorough investigation of the killing of Mario Woods, or donating generously to a fundraiser for a local health clinic. And his own work on public interest issues in the community is even greater. For all his success in the business world, Jose has always spoken most passionately about public service.

On an interpersonal level, he would continue to bring great collegiality and professionalism to the Board--Jose has a talent for making sure people feel heard and respected, for fostering dialogue, and keeping an open and fair mind while deliberating an issue.

I can say without reservation that Jose would continue to be a tremendous asset to the Board of Appeals. I urge you in the strongest terms to approve his appointment. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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