

June 4, 2024

Supervisor Hillary Ronen
Supervisor Ansha Safai
Supervisor Shamann Walton
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee Catherine Meng (Building Inspection Commission)

Dear Supervisors Ronen, Safai, and Walton,

I am writing to endorse Catherine Meng's nomination to the Building Inspection Commission (BIC). The Board of the American Institute of Architects, San Francisco Chapter (AIA SF) recognizes the importance of having a voice on the Commission representing the architectural profession.

Catherine Meng, AIA served on the AIA SF Board of Directors from 2022 to 2023. She was deeply committed to advancing AIA SF's mission during her tenure and contributed significantly to various initiatives and projects. Her ability to collaborate effectively with fellow Board members and AIA SF staff underscores her aptitude for teamwork, a skill essential for her potential role on the BIC. Catherine's diverse background across multiple market sectors equips her with a comprehensive understanding of the architectural profession's complexities and challenges.

Catherine is dedicated to advancing the profession through her mentorship at her firm, her participation in the AIA SF Equity By Design Knowledge Community and the AIA National Women's Leadership Summit, and her influential podcast, which features women in architecture who impact the profession and community.

Catherine Meng possesses the qualifications, experience, and integrity to serve on the Building Inspection Commission. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination on behalf of the AIA SF Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



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Dear Supervisors Ronen, Safai, and Walton,

I am writing to express my full support for the nomination of Catherine Meng to the Building Inspection Commission.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Catherine through our involvement in CREW SF (Commercial Real Estate Women), an organization dedicated to advancing women in commercial real estate through business networking, leadership development, and career and industry research. During my tenure as CREW SF President, Catherine served as co-chair of the Rising Leaders Committee. In this role, she played a pivotal part in organizing events and skill development sessions aimed at providing growth opportunities for women fresher to the industry. Along with her co-chairs, Catherine leadership was instrumental in spearheading the Mentorship program, an important aspect of CREW's mission to offer professional guidance and foster a supportive and safe mentoring environment for its members.

Beyond her contributions to our local chapter, Catherine was selected by CREW Network (the national organization) to serve on its DEI Taskforce, a national initiative aimed at expanding the organization's focus on equity and inclusion. Her involvement in this taskforce demonstrates her commitment to promoting diversity and creating inclusive spaces within the industry.

Having known Catherine personally, I can attest to her integrity, responsibility, and strong work ethic, and believe she would be a great addition to the Building Inspection Commission.

Please feel free to reach with any questions you might have in regarding to my full support to Ms. Meng.

Warmest regards,

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Supervisors Ronen, Safai, and Walton,

I am writing to express my support for the nomination of Catherine Meng to the Building Inspection Commission.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Catherine through her involvement with the [ACE Mentor Program](#) (ACE stands for Architecture, Construction, and Engineering). I am an architect and workplace strategist, and I also volunteer and serve as the co-Vice Chair of ACE Mentor San Francisco Bay Area Board of Directors.

The ACE Mentor Program is a no-cost after-school initiative aimed at fostering workforce development for high school students by connecting them with experts from the design and construction industry. Our **mission is to engage, excite, and enlighten high school students to pursue careers in architecture, engineering, and construction through mentoring** and continued support for their advancement into the industry. Our **primary goals are to help build a large, diverse, and better-prepared workforce**; prioritize **engaging students and communities traditionally underrepresented** in the industry; and assist and guide students by providing scholarships, internships, and mentoring as they pursue career pathways into the industry.

ACE Mentor Program is primarily a volunteer-based organization. Mentors like Catherine have made invaluable contributions to our program. The program would not exist if it weren't for their dedication to committing at least 2 hours per week for 16 weeks during work hours. Team leader volunteers invest even more time to help plan, organize, and lead the program.

In her previous role as a mentor and Team Leader with the San Francisco Bay Area program, Catherine demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment. She played a pivotal role in engaging students from diverse backgrounds, introducing them to the architecture, engineering, and construction industries through hands-on projects and mentorship. Catherine's organizational skills were instrumental in coordinating various program activities, including lesson plans, office visits, guest speaker sessions, and construction site tours. She was also responsible for communicating with students and mentors to ensure they had timely information for each session. Moreover, her advocacy for students, including writing recommendation letters and providing career guidance, underscores her genuine commitment to their success. As a team leader, Catherine was approachable and collaborative with her co-team leaders, always maintaining a positive attitude.

Catherine's dedication to the ACE Mentor Program reflects her broader passion for improving opportunities for future generations within the profession. I am confident that she will bring the same level of dedication, passion, and collaborative spirit to her role on the Building Inspection Commission.

Thank you for considering Catherine Meng's nomination. I firmly believe that her appointment would be a valuable asset to the Commission.

Sincerely,

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