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Date: March 10, 2021

To: Board of Supervisors
Rules Committee
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

From: Karen Roye
Director, San Francisco Local Child Support Agency

Re: File No. 210142 Administrative Code, Family Violence Council – **SUPPORT**

Dear Rules Committee:

I am writing on behalf of San Francisco Department of Child Support Services in strong support of File No. 210142, which would amend the Family Violence Council Ordinance. The Ordinance was last updated in 2018 to change the composition of the Family Violence Council and extend the sunset date to May 01, 2021. The Department of Child Support Services strongly believes that the critical work of the Council should continue.

San Francisco is a model for the state in that it is the only county to join child abuse, domestic violence, and elder abuse in an interagency county-wide advisory council. This legislation expands the Family Violence Ordinance to include new partners, increasing the Family Violence Council's potential to collaborate across systems and widening the scope of information sharing and publishing on the status of family violence in our community. The Council has invited the Department of Police Accountability and the Human Rights Commission to join this innovative and unique collaboration. This legislation also incorporates a racial equity lens into the work of the Family Violence Council, calling to identify racial disparities in family violence and collect disaggregated demographic data on family violence, and creates a process for community input into the work of the Family Violence Council. I am enthusiastic about the potential this legislation holds to improve the capacity and equity of our tracking and analyzing of the status of family violence throughout the lifespan of San Francisco residents.

Sincerely,

Karen Roye, Department Head/IV-D Director

cc: Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee



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RE: File No. 210142 Administrative Code, Family Violence Council - SUPPORT

Dear Rules Committee:

I am writing on behalf of Safe & Sound in strong support of File No. 210142, which would amend the Family Violence Council Ordinance. The Ordinance was last updated in 2018 to change the composition of the Family Violence Council and extend the sunset date to May 01, 2021. Safe & Sound strongly believes that the critical work of the Council should continue.

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Family violence, particularly domestic violence, and child maltreatment often co-occur; some researchers estimate that the rate is between 60-80%. In order to effectively address child maltreatment, intervention and prevention must account for the overlap among the various forms of family violence. The Family Violence Council is a key body with the ability to coordinate among multiple systems so that we may work to end child abuse and violence for all families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jenny Pearlman".

Jenny Pearlman
Associate Director of Strategic Partnerships & Policy
Safe & Sound

cc: Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee



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RE: File No. 210142 Administrative Code, Family Violence Council – SUPPORT

Dear Rules Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium in strong support of File No. 210142, which would amend the Family Violence Council Ordinance. The Ordinance was last updated in 2018 to change the composition of the Family Violence Council and extend the sunset date to May 01, 2021. The SF DVC strongly believes that the critical work of the Council should continue.

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I have had the honor of serving as a founding tri-chair of the Family Violence Council, and I have seen first hand the council's life-saving collaborations and policy work. I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Beverly Upton
Executive Director
San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium

cc: Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee



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I am writing on behalf of First 5 San Francisco in strong support of File No. 210142, which would amend the Family Violence Council Ordinance. The Ordinance was last updated in 2018 to change the Family Violence Council's composition and extend the sunset date to May 01, 2021. First 5 firmly believes that the critical work of the Council should continue.

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The Family Violence Council was instrumental in securing \$500,000 in additional funds for the First 5 San Francisco Family Resource Center Initiative through its Family Violence Report and associated recommendations.

The Family Violence Council links the FRC Initiative with other systems and city departments that impact the families we serve. Many of our families experience domestic violence and have concerns related to elder abuse. For example, through the FVC, we could connect FRCs with information and resources to support their elder family members during this Covid crisis.

We are enthusiastic about the potential this legislation holds to improve the capacity and equity of our tracking and analysis of the status of family violence throughout the lifespan of San Francisco residents. Should you have additional questions, please contact me: Theresa.Zighera@First5sf.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa Zighera".

Interim Executive Director
First 5 San Francisco
cc: Victor Young, Clerk, Rules Committee