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Committee Item No. 2

Board Item No. 64

# COMMITTEE/BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Date December 12, 2016

Board of Supervisors Meeting

Date December 13, 2016

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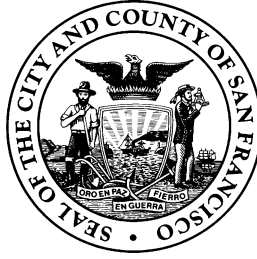
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Completed by: Derek Evans Date December 8, 2016

Completed by: Derek Evans Date December 12, 2016

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BOARD of SUPERVISORS



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# MEMORANDUM

## RULES COMMITTEE

### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Katy Tang, Chair  
Rules Committee

FROM: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk

DATE: December 12, 2016

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, December 13, 2016

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. This item was acted upon at the Rules Committee Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., by the votes indicated.

**Item No. 64**                      **File No. 161307**

#### **Appointment, Police Commission - Bill Ong Hing**

Motion confirming the Rules Committee's nomination of, and appointing, Bill Ong Hing, term ending April 30, 2018, to the Police Commission.

#### RECOMMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT

Vote: Supervisor Katy Tang - Aye  
Supervisor Eric Mar - Aye  
Supervisor Malia Cohen - No

c: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director  
Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney

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3 **Motion confirming the Rules Committee's nomination of, and appointing, Bill Ong Hing,**  
4 **term ending April 30, 2018, to the Police Commission.**

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6 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco  
7 hereby confirms the Rules Committee's nomination of, and appoints, Bill Ong Hing to the San  
8 Francisco Police Commission, for the unexpired portion of a term ending April 30, 2018,  
9 consistent with Charter, Section 4.109:

10 Bill Ong Hing, seat 2, succeeding Victor Hwang, resigned, must be nominated by the  
11 Rules Committee, or its successor, and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors,  
12 for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending April 30, 2018.

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City and County of San Francisco  
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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Police Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: John Hamasaki

Home Address: [REDACTED] Zip: 94133

Home Phone: 4 [REDACTED] Occupation: Attorney

Work Phone: 415-525-4245 Employer: Hamasaki Law

Business Address: 1388 Sutter Street, Suite 805 Zip: 94109

Business E-Mail: john@hamasakilaw.com Home E-Mail: [REDACTED]

**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Resident of San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

I have lived in San Francisco and called North Beach my home for 22 years. I was born and raised in Miami, Florida, the son of a Caucasian mother and Japanese-American father. My wife grew up in a Muslim household in Malaysia and is ethnically Malay. We are raising our 2 year-old native San Franciscan in North Beach.

The majority of the clients I represent are from diverse backgrounds as defined by Section 4.101(a)(1).

**Business and/or professional experience:**

I am a criminal defense attorney representing individuals facing criminal prosecution throughout the Bay Area.

I have been the lead attorney for hundreds of clients from diverse backgrounds through all stages of representation from arraignment through contested hearings, litigated motions, resolutions and jury trials.

I have represented individuals pro bono for cases arising out of political protests and demonstrations since 2009.

**Civic Activities:**

Asian American Bar Association, Board of Directors (2014 – Present)

Bar Association of San Francisco, Barrister’s Club, Board of Directors (2016 – Present)

California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Board of Governors (2016 – Present)

California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Legislative Committee (2016 – Present)

National Lawyers Guild: Pro bono representation of individuals arrested at political protests and demonstrations throughout the Bay Area (2009 – Present)

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?      Yes  No

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Appointments confirmed by the Board of Supervisors require an appearance before the Rules Committee. Once your application is received, the Rules Committee Clerk will contact you when a hearing is scheduled. *(Please submit your application 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)*

Date: 12/21/16      Applicant’s Signature: (required) John Hamasaki  
(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**  
Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS**  
**COVER PAGE**

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  
Hamasaki John Midori

**1. Office, Agency, or Court**

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

Police Commission

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable

Your Position

Commissioner

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)**

- State  Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)  
 Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_  County of San Francisco  
 City of \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)**

- Annual:** The period covered is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.  
-or-  
The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through December 31, 2015.  
 **Assuming Office:** Date assumed 01/01/2017  
 **Candidate:** Election year \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- Leaving Office:** Date Left \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Check one)  
 The period covered is January 1, 2015, through the date of leaving office.  
-or-  
 The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.

**4. Schedule Summary (must complete) ► Total number of pages including this cover page: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Schedules attached**

- Schedule A-1 - Investments – schedule attached  Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions – schedule attached  
 Schedule A-2 - Investments – schedule attached  Schedule D - Income – Gifts – schedule attached  
 Schedule B - Real Property – schedule attached  Schedule E - Income – Gifts – Travel Payments – schedule attached

-or-

- None** - No reportable interests on any schedule

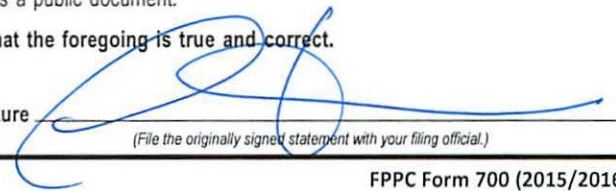
**5. Verification**

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)  
[Redacted] San Francisco CA 94109  
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS  
[Redacted] john@hamasakilaw.com

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 12/01/2016  
(month, day, year)

Signature   
(File the originally signed statement with your filing official.)



**SCHEDULE C**  
**Income, Loans, & Business**  
**Positions**  
 (Other than Gifts and Travel Payments)

**CALIFORNIA FORM**  
 FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name  
 John Midori Hamasaki

| 1. INCOME RECEIVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1. INCOME RECEIVED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME<br><u>Hamasaki Law</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | NAME OF SOURCE OF INCOME<br><u>University of California, San Francisco</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)<br><u>1388 Sutter Street, Suite 805, SF, CA 94109</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)<br><u>550 16th Street, Third Floor, SF, CA 94158</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE<br><u>Law Practice</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| YOUR BUSINESS POSITION<br><u>Owner/Principal</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | YOUR BUSINESS POSITION<br><u>Analyst</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income<br>(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use<br>Schedule A-2.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Sale of _____<br>(Real property, car, boat, etc.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Loan repayment<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Commission or <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more<br>_____<br>(Describe)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br>(Describe) | CONSIDERATION FOR WHICH INCOME WAS RECEIVED<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse's or registered domestic partner's income<br>(For self-employed use Schedule A-2.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership (Less than 10% ownership. For 10% or greater use<br>Schedule A-2.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Sale of _____<br>(Real property, car, boat, etc.)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Loan repayment<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Commission or <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Income, list each source of \$10,000 or more<br>_____<br>(Describe)<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br>(Describe) |

**2. LOANS RECEIVED OR OUTSTANDING DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD**

\* You are not required to report loans from commercial lending institutions, or any indebtedness created as part of a retail installment or credit card transaction, made in the lender's regular course of business on terms available to members of the public without regard to your official status. Personal loans and loans received not in a lender's regular course of business must be disclosed as follows:

|                                               |                                                                           |                     |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| NAME OF LENDER*                               | INTEREST RATE                                                             | TERM (Months/Years) |
| _____                                         | _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> None                                     | _____               |
| ADDRESS (Business Address Acceptable)         |                                                                           |                     |
| _____                                         |                                                                           |                     |
| BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF LENDER          | SECURITY FOR LOAN                                                         |                     |
| _____                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Personal residence |                     |
|                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property _____                              | Street address      |
|                                               |                                                                           | _____               |
|                                               |                                                                           | City                |
| HIGHEST BALANCE DURING REPORTING PERIOD       | <input type="checkbox"/> Guarantor _____                                  |                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                                      | (Describe)          |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000       |                                                                           |                     |

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



# Sean McGuckian

114 Cole Street No. 2 • San Francisco, CA 94117 • Phone: (510) 847-4904  
E-Mail: sean.mcguckian@gmail.com

Date: November 30, 2016

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Sean McGuckian. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a local attorney and counselor at law, providing legal services to clients and firms in the City & County of San Francisco. I have lived in San Francisco for the past 11 years and I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it relates to creating administrative transparencies, maintaining trust between citizens and police officers, and the fair application of criminal justice and civil rights.

I first met John Hamasaki in 2005, when we both attended the University of San Francisco School of Law. Even as a law student, John had a well-deserved reputation for his civic commitment and sense of responsibility to the community, exhibiting a serious minded interest in local policy matters, and more broadly, criminal justice and civil rights issues. After graduating from USF Law and passing the bar, we both became members of the National Lawyers Guild, and the San Francisco Bar Association, where John has been an active and leading voice in the community.

John has impressively founded and managed his own legal business, the success of which has brought him much-deserved respect and accolades from our local and regional legal community. He has run his practice with the professionalism, ethical standards, and integrity to which we as attorneys all aspire. In his practice, John has provided excellent legal representation to his clients, and ably assisted and supported his fellow members of the bar in our collective pursuit of justice.

Everything I know about John could only lead me to the conclusion that he stands as an outstanding and exemplary candidate for the Police Commission. He will not only represent my personal concerns about the needs for our community, but he will personify experienced and committed stewardship for all citizens of our fine city.

Sincerely,

Sean Patrick McGuckian  
Attorney at Law



Lien L. Uy  
Robert Uy

436 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1106  
Oakland, CA 94612  
(510) 893-3294

November 30, 2016

Dear Rules Committee and Derek Evans,

My name is Robert Uy and I am a partner at Uy Law Group. I am a director of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (San Francisco organization), an advisory board member and former President of the Filipino Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (San Francisco organization) and former regional governor of the National Filipino American Lawyers Association. I was also formerly a director of YFPA (a San Francisco Organization) and on the executive committee of the San Francisco Immigration and Legal Education Network. I previously worked in San Francisco for about 4.5 years as a non-profit Civil Rights attorney (immigration, trafficking, and domestic violence) at API Legal Outreach and 2.5 years in private practice. I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it deals with the rights of criminal defendants and also the rights of victims.

John and I have served on the AABA board for the past three years. I had met him about six years ago, when he was a general member and committee chair for the organization. During this time has shown himself to be a dedicated member of the civil rights community focused on programs in our own bar association that have addressed issues regarding police brutality and race in the criminal justice system. He has worked closely with the civil rights committee to deal with Amicus briefs on criminal justice issues.

In addition, John has maintained a strong connection to the greater legal community by serving on the: Board of Directors for the Barristers Club of the Bar Association of San Francisco, Board of Governors for the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, Co-Chair of the Criminal Law & Government Investigations of the Barristers Club for the Bar Association of San Francisco and as Coach for the College Track Mock Trial Program

John's has practiced as a civil rights and criminal defense attorney. Every day he has worked with our courts and understands the challenges that the city faces in its police department. His goals include the implementation of recommendations from the DOJ COPS report, restoring trust and building bridges between our diverse communities and the police department, and the ultimate goal of making the SFPD a model for professionalism, transparency and integrity.

He is a 22 year resident of San Francisco and is currently raising a family here. He is strongly dedicated to making the SFPD a better department. I believe that he has the knowledge, ability, and passion to help identify and help to fix the issues in the department.

My best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Uy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Uy

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Emanuel Hillman <emanuel.hillman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 11:58 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS); Chicuata, Brittni (BOS); Chan, Yoyo (BOS); Quizon, Dyanna (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Pagoulatos, Nickolas (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Letter of Support for John Hamasaki - Police Commission

San Francisco Board of Supervisors,

My name is Emanuel Hillman, I'm 20 years old, and I'm currently a junior at San Francisco State University. I was born and raised in the city and I plan on staying here after graduation and beginning my career.

I'm writing on behalf of John Hamasaki's run for a position in the San Francisco Police Commission. I've known John since my freshmen year of high school when I joined my schools mock trial team, and every since then he's been a teacher to me, a mentor, an encourager, and a voice of reason when I've needed advice. I was on the mock trial team for the entirety of my high school career, and if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be on track to go to law school and go on to practice law in the state of California.

I think John is an excellent candidate for this position because of his strong sense of integrity and robust criminal law background. There's a lot of people out there who really want to see effective reform in our criminal justice system, but I think John is the right leader for our city to spearhead new and fresh reforms to an outdated system that has slowly but surely dissappointed us.

Thank you for your time and dedication towards the betterment of our city!

, Emanuel

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 7:55 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Letter in support of John Hamasaki - Police Commission

**From:** Nielson, Erik [mailto:enielson@richmond.edu]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 6:12 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS) <alisa.somera@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Letter in support of John Hamasaki - Police Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Erik Nielson, and I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for John Hamasaki's appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I am a college professor at the University of Richmond in Virginia, where my research focuses on the intersections of African American art, culture, and the law. For the last several years, I have been studying—and drawing attention to—the use of rap music in the criminal justice process across the country. (I am most interested in the ways that prosecutors introduce rap lyrics as evidence of confessions—something that doesn't happen with other musical or fictional forms.) It is through this work that I first met John, who was defending a Bay Area rap artist whose lyrics were used against him in a criminal prosecution.

If you are interested, here's a link to an *LA Times* op-ed I coauthored related to John's case:<http://articles.latimes.com/2014/apr/07/opinion/la-oe-kubrin-and-nielson-rap-prosecution-20140408>

I have worked with a number of attorneys across the U.S., but I have been particularly impressed with John. He is talented, thoughtful, and has a clear passion for social justice. I think he is uniquely suited to the Police Commission because he understands, better than many, the challenges that young people, particularly those of color, face in America's cities. I admit that as an outsider, I am not familiar with the current members of the Commission. But I do know that San Francisco is a highly diverse city with a police department that is facing unique challenges, and I believe that John would work hard to represent the interests of everyone, including those who are often silenced, to support the city's efforts to maintain an effective police force that serves the entire community.

If I can provide any additional information (or praise), please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Erik Nielson

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Erik Nielson, PhD  
Associate Professor of Liberal Arts  
Assistant Chair, Liberal Arts  
The University of Richmond, SPCS

(804) 287-1245

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Jennifer Gaspar <jgaspar@ceeli-inst.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 7:06 AM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS); Tang, Katy (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Cc:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Quizon, Dyanna (BOS); Pagoulatos, Nickolas (BOS); Chan, Yoyo (BOS); Chicuata, Brittini (BOS); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Recommendation for John Hamasaki for San Francisco Police Commission  
**Attachments:** John Hamasaki recommendation.pdf

Dear Friends,

Attached please find my letter of recommendation for John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information about this recommendation.

With best wishes,

Jennifer Gaspar

**Jennifer Gaspar | Director for Special Projects | The CEELI Institute**

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December 1, 2016

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jennifer Gaspar, I am the director for special projects at the CEELI Institute in Prague, Czech Republic, a continuing education institute for lawyers and judges from around the world. I am writing in enthusiastic support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I was a resident and active San Francisco community member from 1995-2003. I am a graduate of the Graduate School of Education at the University of San Francisco, and I remain a member (in absentia) of Glide Methodist Church. While my time living in San Francisco was brief, it remains a dream to return to the City and become an active citizen there once more. From 1995-1998, I worked for the California Judicial Council's Child Advocacy Training Program. In 1999, I was hired as the program director for Rebuilding Together \* San Francisco, a nonprofit organization dedicated to renovating and improving homes of the city's low income, elderly and disabled residents. This work introduced me to the richness and diversity of the city's communities and community volunteers who demonstrated a deep love for their hometown and fellow residents of all backgrounds. I came to love San Francisco deeply for its diversity and the spirit of its residents. Part of this spirit comes from the continuous care and trust between the San Francisco's government and its citizens. The San Francisco Police Commission plays an integral part in ensuring a trusting and resilient relationship between the City's citizens and the police.

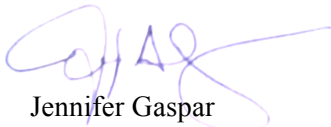
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I have known John Hamasaki for seventeen years as a friend and as a professional colleague committed to human rights and rule of law. Despite my departure from San Francisco, we have remained in close contact, and I have, with great happiness, witnessed John's advancement through law school, to practicing civil rights defense attorney, active and respected member of the Asian American community of professionals in San Francisco, and a committed champion of justice for those who are often overlooked and neglected by society. His passion for his community and for justice for the most under-served are clear themes of his work and private life.

John would be an outstanding choice for membership in the San Francisco Police Commission. He is welcomed in the City's communities of color, and is known to many as an honest and caring champion for their needs. John's professional qualifications, his hard work and dedication to continuing San Francisco's tradition of being a model city of diversity, integrity and transparency make him an ideal candidate for the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions about my enthusiastic support for John's candidacy and his outstanding credentials for the San Francisco Police Commission.

Sincerely,



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**Cc:** Quizon, Dyanna (BOS); Chan, Yoyo (BOS); nicolas.pagoulatos@sfgov.org; Chicuata, Brittni (BOS); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Letter in support of John Hamasaki's appointment to SF Police Commission  
**Attachments:** 2016-11-30 Letter In Support of J Hamasaki Appointment to Police Commission.pdf

Good evening,

Please find my letter in support of John Hamasaki's consideration for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission attached.

Please let me know if you have any technical difficulties viewing the attachment or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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Lauren Charneski

November 30, 2016

**VIA EMAIL**

Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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**Re: Letter of Support for the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee and Clerk of the Committee:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's candidacy for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission. John's expertise in the area of criminal defense and civil rights, combined with his dedication to the San Francisco community through his past and on-going volunteer work, makes him an ideal candidate.

I have lived in San Francisco for the past seven years practicing as an attorney here in the city. I work at a law firm that represents California public school districts and other California non-profit education entities. Although I am writing as an individual, I want to note that my firm is a majority woman-owned firm with a culture that is deeply supportive of diversity, because equality and diversity are important to me and I think they should be reflected and supported in our local community. I believe that John Hamasaki will serve those ideals of equality and diversity if appointed to the Police Commission.

I have known John for more than four years. I first met him when I began volunteering as a mock trial coach for San Francisco high school students. Each year, the students grappled with a particular constitutional issue like the limits of searches and seizures, or adequate *Miranda* warnings. John had already been coaching when I joined. For the next four years that I coached, we worked with students from a program designed to help underserved kids here in San Francisco become the first in their family to make it to college. Throughout his tenure as a coach, John demonstrated an impressive commitment to the students and the program on a weekly basis. Participating in weekly practices is difficult for most attorneys, but it is an even greater burden for a solo-practitioner. Regardless, John made that commitment. He was an excellent part of the coaching team and one of the students' perennial favorites.

John has since continued his involvement in the local community by serving as a Director of the Bar Associate of San Francisco's Barrister's Club, and as a member of the Board of Governors for the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. John's consistent dedication to the San Francisco community and criminal justice speaks for itself.

When I first learned that John was seeking consideration for appointment to the Police Commission, without hesitation, I thought: John is an excellent fit for that role. He cares about San Francisco, has consistently served the local community, and has extensive practical expertise with the San Francisco criminal justice system. I believe in his dedication

to promote transparency, trust, and unity, and I hope you give this letter of support due consideration.

Respectfully,



Lauren M. Charneski

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**Cc:** Quizon, Dyanna (BOS); Pagoulatos, Nickolas (BOS); Chan, Yoyo (BOS); Chicuata, Brittni (BOS); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Letter in support of John Hamasaki - Police Commission

Dear Rules Committee, Board of Supervisors,

My name is Erik Nielson, and I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for John Hamasaki's appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I am a college professor at the University of Richmond in Virginia, where my research focuses on the intersections of African American art, culture, and the law. For the last several years, I have been studying—and drawing attention to—the use of rap music in the criminal justice process across the country. (I am most interested in the ways that prosecutors introduce rap lyrics as evidence of confessions—something that doesn't happen with other musical or fictional forms.) It is through this work that I first met John, who was defending a Bay Area rap artist whose lyrics were used against him in a criminal prosecution.

If you are interested, here's a link to an *LA Times* op-ed I coauthored related to John's case: <http://articles.latimes.com/2014/apr/07/opinion/la-oe-kubrin-and-nielson-rap-prosecution-20140408>

I have worked with a number of attorneys across the U.S., but I have been particularly impressed with John. He is talented, thoughtful, and has a clear passion for social justice. I think he is uniquely suited to the Police Commission because he understands, better than many, the challenges that young people, particularly those of color, face in America's cities. I admit that as an outsider, I am not familiar with the current members of the Commission. But I do know that San Francisco is a highly diverse city with a police department that is facing unique challenges, and I believe that John would work hard to represent the interests of everyone, including those who are often silenced, to support the city's efforts to maintain an effective police force that serves the entire community.

If I can provide any additional information (or praise), please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Erik Nielson

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## Evans, Derek

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**Cc:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Recommendation letter for John Hamasaki  
**Attachments:** Hamasaki rec.docx

Hi all,

Please find attached my personal endorsement of John Hamasaki for a position on the Police Commission.

Thank you for your time,  
Heather Kelly

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November 30, 2016

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Heather Kelly. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am 2011 graduate of UC Hastings College of the Law and now practice criminal defense. I lived in San Francisco from 2005 to 2012, the first three years of which I worked as a paralegal at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. After moving to Mountain View, I continued to practice criminal defense as associate counsel for a number of attorneys in San Francisco. My experience included providing full trial support for Teresa Caffese on behalf of former SFPD Officer Ed Robles and assisting Christopher Shea in several POA-contract disciplinary cases.

I have known John for nine years. We met when he was working as a law clerk and then as a newly-minted attorney at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. After I graduated from law school, John was one of the people who welcomed me into the defense community and made himself available to field questions and brainstorm cases. Rather than approaching his law practice from a single entrenched ideology, John has developed a nuanced understanding of how the justice system affects -- and is shaped by -- those who work within it. Through our many discussions over the years, I have come to share John's deep appreciation for our justice system and his belief that we can overcome its imperfections through collaboration.

John's roots in the legal community and diplomatic approach to problem-solving allow him to bring parties together towards a common cause. In spite of his busy law practice, he somehow finds time to sit on the Board of the Asian American Bar Association, attend countless legal galas and fundraisers, and serve as a role model for young attorneys.

I cannot think of a better candidate to sit on the Police Commission. It is an honor to recommend him.

Please do not hesitate to call or email with questions.

Regards,

Heather Kelly

## Evans, Derek

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**Subject:** Letter of support for John Hamasaki  
**Attachments:** 2016-11-30 Letter re John Hamasaki.pdf

Dear Rules Committee,

Please see the attached correspondence in support of John Hamasaki for Police Commission.

Thank you,

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November 30, 2016

Rules Committee  
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To the Rules Committee:

My name is Lin Chan. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I live in the Duboce Triangle/Castro neighborhood of San Francisco and have been a resident of San Francisco for four years. I am a Bay Area native, and my husband has lived in San Francisco since the 1980s. I am Chinese American, and my husband is Mexican American.

I am also a Partner at the law firm Lief Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein LLP, on the Board of Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus, and a Co-Chair of the Asian American Bar Association's Women's Committee. As a San Francisco resident and civil rights lawyer, I have a strong interest in the Commission's leadership and the relationship between the San Francisco Police Department and the communities it serves.

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Lin Yee Chan

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Lin Yee Chan

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Brittni.Chicuata@sfgov.org; Derek.Evans@sfgov.org

## Evans, Derek

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**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Letter in support of John Hamasaki - SF Police Commission  
**Attachments:** Letter in support of John Hamasaki (Police Commission).pdf

Dear Clerk of the Committee, Derek Evans:

I have attached my letter of support for John Hamasaki in PDF format.

Thank you,

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Annabel R. Chang

December 1, 2016

Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Committee

[Derek.Evans@sfgov.org](mailto:Derek.Evans@sfgov.org)

*Via Email*

**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. John is an attorney dedicated to serving the San Francisco community and is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission based on his background, training and experience.

As a way of introduction, I am a San Francisco resident and an attorney who works in public policy on behalf of a technology company. Prior to working in technology, I also spent a year working as a volunteer attorney at the Office of the San Francisco District Attorney, where I also had an up-close experience with criminal justice field.

Like many residents, I would like to see San Francisco work together with the Police Commission and the San Francisco Police Department to ensure that we have a model police department. I think this goal is possible with open dialogue and thoughtful engagement. I believe that John's background in the law and criminal justice makes him a valuable candidate and an important voice. John Hamasaki is well-respected throughout the legal community and the Asian American community.

I have known John for four years primarily through his volunteer work for the Bar Association of San Francisco's College Track Mock Trial program. As volunteer coaches for the College Track program, we committed multiple nights every week during the school year to prepare these students for a citywide mock trial competition. In our volunteer work with College Track's Mock Trial program, I observed John to be a reliable, compassionate, and thoughtful mentor to impressionable high school students. The high school students who participate in the College Track Mock Trial program are primarily low-income students of color. Many of the students' parents are immigrants, and the students are set to be the first generation of college graduates in their families. John was an ideal coach and role model—possessing the ability to be empathetic to students' needs while providing both positive and constructive feedback. It was a pleasure to work closely with John as a volunteer coach for the College Track Mock Trial program.

John and I also cross paths through our involvement in the Asian American Bar Association of the Bay Area, Bar Association of San Francisco, and our work at the Hall of Justice. While I was at the San Francisco District Attorney's office, I learned that John had established a reputation as an attorney who deeply cares about his clients but also always maintained a professional and productive relationship with opposing counsel. My experience with John reflects this reputation that John has built.

As long as I have known John, he has been civically engaged. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and reform and his professional experience gives him an insider's view of the effects of law enforcement policies and the impact on our community. John also balances his criminal justice advocacy with an abiding respect for our San Francisco Police Department officers and their daily work. John has conveyed to me his commitment to helping heal the divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes.

I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to thoughtful reform and is committed to accomplishing what is right for the people of our City.

Respectfully,



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Annabel R. Chang

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Dear Friends,

Attached please find my letter of recommendation for John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information about this recommendation.

With best wishes,

Jennifer Gaspar

**Jennifer Gaspar | Director for Special Projects | The CEELI Institute**

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December 1, 2016

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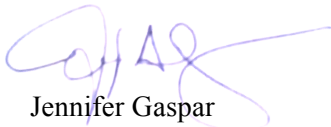
My own personal experience with the importance of trust in systems and faith in police protection comes from the other side of the world. I lived in St. Petersburg, Russia from 2003-2014, where I worked as an adviser to international foundations supporting human rights NGOs in the country. I was married to a Russian human rights lawyer and in 2010 we adopted a daughter who is now a citizen of both Russia and the United States. In 2014, I received deportation notice revoking my residency permit on the grounds that the FSB (formerly known as KGB) deemed me a threat to Russian national security and constitutional order ([http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/06/world/europe/russia-moves-to-deport-wife-of-an-activist.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2014/08/06/world/europe/russia-moves-to-deport-wife-of-an-activist.html?_r=0)). I spent the next few days packing my suitcases after 11 years of peaceful, law-abiding life in Russia, and knowing with certainty that there were no systems in the country that would protect my rights and keep my family together. I bought a plane ticket took our then 5-year old daughter with me to Prague. During my last few days in Russia, I lodged an appeal of my deportation that, in my absence, was appealed all the way to the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation. In each instance, the courts refused to compel the FSB to provide any evidence supporting their claim of my threat to national security. My case is now in final judgment stage in the European Court for Human Rights in Strasbourg (*Gaspar v. Russia* case # 23038/15). My personal experience in Russia and in advocating for human rights, gives me a particular perspective on what happens when there is no trust between a police and justice system and its people. While my story is a dystopian example of state impunity, secrecy and political intrigue, it can also be understood as a cautionary tale about the fundamental need for constant care and dialogue between police and their community.

I have known John Hamasaki for seventeen years as a friend and as a professional colleague committed to human rights and rule of law. Despite my departure from San Francisco, we have remained in close contact, and I have, with great happiness, witnessed John's advancement through law school, to practicing civil rights defense attorney, active and respected member of the Asian American community of professionals in San Francisco, and a committed champion of justice for those who are often overlooked and neglected by society. His passion for his community and for justice for the most under-served are clear themes of his work and private life.

John would be an outstanding choice for membership in the San Francisco Police Commission. He is welcomed in the City's communities of color, and is known to many as an honest and caring champion for their needs. John's professional qualifications, his hard work and dedication to continuing San Francisco's tradition of being a model city of diversity, integrity and transparency make him an ideal candidate for the Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions about my enthusiastic support for John's candidacy and his outstanding credentials for the San Francisco Police Commission.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** Letter in Support for John Hamasaki - Police Commission  
**Attachments:** John Hamasaki Letter of Support .pdf

Dear Rules Committee:

Attached is a letter of support for John Hamasaki's appointment to the Police Commission.

Thank you,

Lee Burgess

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December 1, 2016

Re: Letter of Support for John Hamasaki – Police Commission

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Lee Burgess and I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am an attorney and small business owner in San Francisco. I own a virtual law school and bar exam tutoring company called the Law School Toolbox. I have taught at two bay area law schools. As a member of the San Francisco community, I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it relates to keeping our community safe while restoring respect between the community and the police. Both as a member of the legal community and a mother, I want my son to grow up in a city where the relationship between police and the community members is a positive one.

I have lived in San Francisco for 12 years, attended law school here (at the University of San Francisco) and am raising my family in Pacific Heights. My husband has also lived in the city for the last 10 years. We feel privileged to be part of the San Francisco community and look forward to raising our son to be a San Francisco native. Outside of working, I have served on the board of GirlVentures, a Mission District based nonprofit providing experiential education programs for adolescent girls and support local organizations such as Bayview Hunters Point Community Legal.

I met John during our first year of law school and we have remained friends as we both stayed in San Francisco to pursue our legal careers. We also both have young children, so now many of our meetings involve discussing raising toddlers in San Francisco while on a local playground. John has an impeccable reputation in the legal community. I have watched him advocate for his clients and had his clients share with me how he helped them through some of their darkest times. He is my first phone call if someone I know in the community needs a criminal defense lawyer. John is also very active in the legal community, participating in bar association events as well as supporting the USF Law community. Just recently, John and I attended a fundraiser for Bayview Hunters Point Community Legal.

I think John would be an asset for the Police Commission for a number of reasons. First, he is smart and understands the complex issues facing our community

including, civil rights and race relations. Second, he is deeply connected to San Francisco and loves this city. He will put everything he can into representing the people of the San Francisco he loves so much. I think because of his work as a criminal defense and civil rights lawyer, he is uniquely qualified to support smart policies that will heal the divide between law enforcement and members of our City. John respects all sides and will be a wise and thoughtful member of the Police Commission. I would feel safer knowing he was serving in this role.

I cannot recommend John Hamasaki enough for this position. When he told me he was seeking this appointment, I knew that his experience and qualifications would make him a huge asset. I respect John as a friend and legal colleague and, I hope soon, as a member of the Police Commission.

Sincerely,

Lee Burgess

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Lindsay Andrews. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I moved to San Francisco in 2010 and currently live in Noe Valley with my husband and our two young daughters. I am also a board member at Leadership High School, a college prep charter school in the Excelsior district. I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it relates to improving community relations, and in particular among young adults in San Francisco. I should also note that I am the daughter of a former police officer and have a deep respect for law enforcement and the unique – almost impossible- challenges officers currently face.

I met John while volunteer coaching the College Track Mock Trial team. College Track is an afterschool program aimed at preparing first-generation college students to get into and complete a four-year college. Like John, I am also an attorney. John saw the Mock Trial program as much more than just an extracurricular activity. He used the time with our students as an opportunity to teach them about the criminal justice system and empower them to become positive participants. Through his lesson plans it was obvious to me that John has a deep respect for our justice system and an unwavering commitment to continually improve it. John has an uncanny ability to connect with teenagers and meet them on their level. He treated all our students with incredible respect and they, in turn, adored him. Many approached him for advice, both professional and personal. I am confident he has inspired more than one student to pursue a career in law or law enforcement. He helped all our students understand how law enforcement and the criminal justice system are designed to support and protect them. For many students John provided them their first positive experience with the criminal justice system.

As we have seen over the last couple of years, police and community relationships are strained all across the country. San Francisco's Police Commission plays a vital role in fulfilling our city's duty to ensure legal and respectful policing of all communities. John would make an outstanding commissioner. In addition to his extensive criminal justice experience as a trial attorney, John brings a passion for community engagement and a demonstrated ability to connect with young adults – two skills that will prove essential to the Police Commission. Now, more than ever, we need criminal justice leaders like John to ensure respect and accountability within our police department.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional information in support of John's candidacy.

Lindsay Andrews  
562-225-7696

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 11:27 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of Support - Police Commission Candidate

**From:** Azhar Meyer [mailto:azharmeyer@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support - Police Commission Candidate

Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's candidacy for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

My name is Azhar Meyer; I am employed as the Director of Mechanical Engineering at Thimble Bioelectronics, a medical device company here in San Francisco. I currently live in San Francisco, and have lived here for the last 2.5 years. As a resident in the Outer Sunset, the following issues are of great importance to me:

- Increasing trust between the residents of San Francisco and SFPD
- Establishing SFPD as the model police department for which other police departments around the nation look when it comes to transparency, professionalism, and integrity

I have known John for 9 years and I consider him an outstanding member of the San Francisco community. I met John through my brother when they were classmates in law school at the University of San Francisco. He has committed himself to the causes of criminal justice advocacy and reform while maintaining a strong understanding the effects that policies can have upon law enforcement, our communities, and our families. He has a strong respect for our police officers and the highly challenging work they do. I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will always ask himself what is right for the people of our City.

Sincerely,

Azhar Meyer

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** susan kaplan <sbkapl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 11:50 AM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** John Hamasaki/ Police Commission- Letter of Recommendation

Dear Mr. Evans,

I apologize for the informality of this letter but I am a trial lawyer currently in jury trial. I wanted very much to write a letter of recommendation for John Hamasaki in a timely fashion.

I am a criminal defense lawyer who was a deputy public defender from 1979-2007. I served both as a trial lawyer and a felony unit supervisor. Since 2007, I have continued as a trial lawyer as court-appointed counsel via the BASF/ San Francisco Superior Court conflicts panel. I am well familiar with the Police Commission and the San Francisco Police Department. I believe that I have an exemplary reputation at the Hall of Justice with defense counsel, prosecutors, the judiciary and members of the community. I have practice exclusively in San Francisco for 37 years.

I have known John Hamasaki for many years. As an attorney he is intelligent, insightful, and dedicated not only to his clients but to the delivery of justice as mandated by our constitutions. He is an active community member, both generally and specifically within the Asian-American community and bar. He is generous with his time and skills and well respected by all. I could go on but let me assure you that you could not do better on the Police Commission to have Mr. Hamasaki's professional skills, community ties and dedication, and devotion to the ultimate mandate of fairness required of all commissioners.

I would be happy to further discuss his recommendation at any time.

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December 5, 2016

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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## **Re: Letter in Support of John Hamasaki for Police Commission**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of Mr. John Hamasaki, my respected colleague, to encourage you to approve his application for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am an attorney and small business owner in Nevada City, California, whose legal practice focuses on criminal defense and policy matters.

Early in my career, I practiced in San Francisco, California, where I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Hamasaki. In 2011, Mr. Hamasaki and I represented different criminal clients in a historic civil rights case, *U.S. v. Collins, et al.* (5:11-cr-00471-DLJ), which involved complex legal issues related to freedom of speech in the electronic age. I was impressed and inspired by Mr. Hamasaki's work, which was central to the incredible outcome secured for our clients, as well as his ability to understand and articulate complex legal issues related to civil rights and criminal law. Given his legal background and experience as a criminal defense attorney in the Bay Area, Mr. Hamasaki is particularly well-equipped to bring insight and positive progress as a member of the San Francisco the Police Commission.

Further, Mr. Hamasaki is well-known for his commitment to diversity, justice, and the Bay Area, where he has lived for over twenty years. As a criminal defense attorney, I am well-aware of the sense of distrust that exists between communities and local law enforcement agencies, particularly amongst minorities and low-income individuals. The appointment of talented individuals such as Mr. Hamasaki, who are committed to addressing these concerns, serves to facilitate trust and communication between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve. Mr. Hamasaki is particularly suited to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission in

light of his years of demonstrated commitment to the members of the community who are most likely to feel this sense of alienation. For instance, Mr. Hamasaki volunteers for, among other organizations, the National Lawyers Guild and Project Legal Link, providing pro bono representation to low-income residents throughout the Bay Area, as well as those arrested in conjunction with political demonstrations. This work has brought Mr. Hamasaki a valuable understanding of community concerns related to law enforcement and the criminal justice system, and will allow him to bring wisdom and insight to the San Francisco Police Commission.

For all of these reasons, I strongly encourage you to approve the appointment of Mr. John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. If I may provide any additional information or insight into Mr. Hamasaki's candidacy, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*/S/ Heather L. Burke*

Heather L. Burke, Esq.

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*Via Email*

**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an attorney dedicated to serving the community and believe that he is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission based on his background, training and experience.

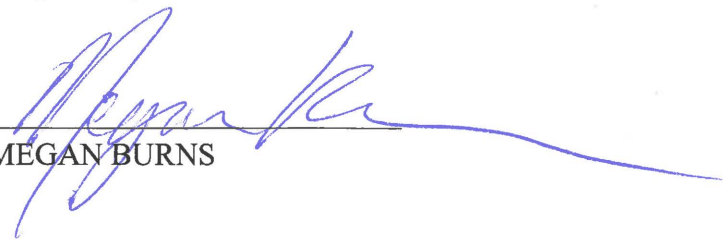
I have known John Hamasaki for nearly a decade and for most of his legal career in San Francisco. When I first met him I was a Deputy Public Defender for the City and County of San Francisco. I am now a partner at the Law firm of Bonjour, Thorman & Burns based in Hayward, CA. Our firm specializes in Criminal Defense and Plaintiffs Personal Injury with a strong commitment to protect the rights of all of our clients. As a former San Francisco resident, former San Francisco employee and a member of the LGBT Community, I feel that I understand policing in San Francisco. In my many years practicing criminal defense I have seen the best and the worst from police agencies and individual officers. In fact, I maintain close friendships with members of law enforcement. I believe that John can be fair to both the police department and all members of the San Francisco Community. John is an excellent attorney and an honorable person who is very connected to diverse communities in San Francisco. He would be an asset to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Like many people, I would like to see San Francisco work together with the Commission and the police to ensure that we have a model police department. I think that is only possible with asking difficult questions and open dialogue. I believe that John's background and experience dealing with law enforcement and policing issues makes him the ideal candidate.

John has remained engaged civically and in his community as long as I have known him. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and reform and has an understanding of the effects that policies have on law enforcement, our communities, and our families. He respects our police officers and the difficulty of the work they do. Given today's climate, I think it is important to note that John wants to help heal the very real divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes. I know that if appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission he will bring to it his value set and commitment to the people of San Francisco.

I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will always ask himself what is right for the residents of San Francisco.

Respectfully,



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December 1, 2016

**Via E-Mail**

Derek K. Evans  
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San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Letter of Support for Appointment of John Hamasaki to San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Clerk,

I write to enthusiastically recommend John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a Senior Staff Attorney in the Immigrant Rights Program at Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus in San Francisco. Founded in 1972, the Asian Law Caucus is the nation's first legal and civil rights organization serving the low-income Asian Pacific American communities. Advancing Justice – ALC focuses on housing rights, immigration and immigrants' rights, labor and employment issues, student advocacy (ASPIRE), civil rights and **hate** violence, national security, and criminal justice reform. As an organization that works heavily on the intersection of our immigration and criminal justice systems, we have a strong interest in the San Francisco Police Commission.

I have had the pleasure of knowing John over the past year through community events and events in the legal community. John has also graciously donated his time and immense legal expertise by providing pro bono legal representation to clients of the Asian Law Caucus. Without John's legal expertise, we would be unable to fully serve low-income clients grappling with complex criminal immigration issues. John's years of legal expertise and close connection to low-income and immigrant communities in San Francisco would provide a much needed and valuable perspective to the San Francisco Police Commission. We have consistently been impressed with John's dedication to protecting underserved communities in San Francisco.

We support his appointment without hesitation. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions. I can be reached by e-mail at [anoopp@advancingjustice-alc.org](mailto:anoopp@advancingjustice-alc.org) or by phone at 415-848-7722.

Cordially,

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December 1, 2016

Board of Supervisors

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***Via Derek.Evans@sfgov.org***

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Sara Rief. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I have been a criminal defense attorney in San Francisco for thirteen (13) years. My law partner, Stuart Hanlon, has been a part of the defense community for almost forty (40) years. Our law office focuses solely on criminal defense, primarily in San Francisco County.

I have known John for many years. We have had co-defendants on high-profile cases in San Francisco. As soon as I met John, I knew he was someone who deeply cared about this community and our justice system. His energy, knowledge and commitment were evident. In the years to follow, John and I have continued to collaborate on issues we face in our cases or discussions of what is going on in our system.

I am not surprised that John is endeavoring to become a part of the San Francisco Police Commission. He has an incredible passion to make sure that our community and justice system are appropriately managed. I would surmise that his recent endeavor at fatherhood has also cemented his desire to make this City a safe and harmonious place for his son.

We are in an incredibly precarious time now with current politics and race issues. John can, and will, do what he can to implement policies to address these issues and the community concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information. I can be reached at 415/846-5600.

STUART HANLON  
Attorney At Law

SARA RIEF  
Attorney At Law

NATHAN PETERSON  
Attorney At Law

DOLORES MICHELSEN  
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Sincerely,  
  
SARA RIEF

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**From:** Janice Argueta <jargueta2016@gmail.com>  
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**Subject:** Letter of Support for John Hamasaki - Police Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Janice Argueta and I am currently attending my first semester at Holy Names University in Oakland, CA. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. For the past 18 years, I have lived in the Outer Mission District of San Francisco, CA - attending public schools and noticing the various changes in my community. I have seen the discontent of my community regarding concerns with the San Francisco Police Department. I believe John Hamasaki can restore the trust that has been damaged in our diverse communities.

Four years ago, I met John Hamasaki as I attended mock trial in high school. He was my coach and prepared me for our annual mock trial competitions. He trained many students, including myself, to think on our feet, taught us legal definitions, how to phrase proper questions, and when to object in court. Despite having to work, he took the time out of his day to support our mock trial team. He arrived with enthusiasm, ready to assist us with any questions we may have about our court case.

As I have been born and raised in the Outer Mission of San Francisco, I have witnessed and overheard the discrimination directed towards minorities. John Hamasaki has a lot of experience in the law field and has provided our community with the public defense so many targeted low-income residents need. His passion to strengthen and unite our neighborhoods makes him a well-rounded individual with good intentions to change our criminal justice system; his experience qualifies him for the appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Sincerely,  
Janice Argueta

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*Via Email*

November 30, 2016

Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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**Re: Support for John Hamasaki for Appointment to the Police Commission**

Dear Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission.

I was born in San Francisco and have practiced law in San Francisco and the Bay Area for over eighteen years as a partner at Reed Smith LLP and now as an Assistant General Counsel for Bank of America. During that time, I have served as a Board Member, various officer positions, and the President of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA).

Like many others in the community, I believe it is important to have effective oversight of law enforcement. As such, to ensure that San Francisco has a model police department, it is important that the Police Commission have members who are passionate about and familiar with law enforcement issues and the criminal justice system. John is such a person.

I have known John through his work in the community and with AABA, where he served as a committee co-chair and was a Board Member during my presidency. John is well-known in the criminal justice practice and has an excellent reputation as a dedicated, compassionate, and zealous advocate for his clients, such that he has been sought out for commentary on criminal justice issues by the media.

John has also worked hard promoting civil rights and social justice causes for many years. He has been active in discussions on the intersection of race and policing and the API experience in



the courtroom. Indeed, in 2015, during my Presidency, he moderated AABA's Race in the Criminal Justice System panel and led an informative discussion with panel members, including San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi and then-City of Richmond Police Chief Chris Magnus.

Knowing John's character and observing his work with AABA at our activities and during our Board meetings, I'm certain John would be a terrific addition to the Commission for many reasons. He is approachable and engaging. When it comes to issues, he is thoughtful and perceptive. He asks tough questions, but in a way that is collaborative. John takes the time to understand opposing views and is willing to consider alternative ideas. He has made it obvious that even though he represents defendants, he respects the difficult work performed by police officers. He understands the gulf between law enforcement and the communities they serve and the need for meaningful policy changes.

In short, I believe that John is an ideal choice for the San Francisco Police Commission.

Very truly yours,

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December 1, 2016

**BY: Electronic Mail**

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San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: Police Commission Candidate John Hamasaki, Esq.**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

It is an honor and privilege to send this letter in support of John Hamasaki, candidate for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission. John is an exceptional attorney who is uniquely qualified to serve on the Police Commission. My name is Laura Furniss, an attorney and principal at Furniss Family Law Group, based in Redwood City, with satellite offices in San Francisco. Until June 2016, I worked in Union Square and spent much of my time in our great city. I am a native Bay Area resident, educated in San Francisco, former prosecutor for the City and County of San Francisco and a friend and ally to many of the amazing officers in the San Francisco Police Department. I have deep ties to San Francisco as my mother was born and raised in San Francisco. My sister and brother attended St. Ignatius College Preparatory and I matriculated at University of San Francisco. I spent seven years at USF, earning a BA and a JD. I called San Francisco home for many years. Now my sister's family lives in San Francisco so I get to wander the city as an Auntie, sharing three-generations strong traditions and city secrets.

As a member of the San Francisco professional community and an active participant in the community at-large, I am keenly aware of the challenges facing our police department. During my time at SFDA, I had the opportunity to meet and work with many of San Francisco's finest and to this day call many officers friends. The department is facing challenges on many fronts due to staffing shortages, cost-of-living, and the increase of property crimes. Morale is low, as is public trust. In addition, with the departure of Chief Suhr and the highly-publicized police-involved shootings, both nationwide and in San Francisco, it is a time of crisis for SFPD. Add to that President-elect Trump's promise of defunding sanctuary cities, we are facing a tenuous time of unprecedented importance. The Commission needs a member like John Hamasaki.

I had the pleasure of meeting and becoming friends with John while studying law at USF. I come from a family with deep law enforcement ties (my late father began his career as an Assistant District Attorney, and my brother is a law enforcement officer) and John, a passionate (then) aspiring criminal defense attorney – we often shared polar-opposite perspectives on criminal law matters. In law school, I knew that a good criminal defense attorney will fight for their client and advocate for them at all costs. After law school, John taught me that a *great* criminal defense attorney will zealously and effectively advocate for their client without compromising integrity, respect or civility.

John stands out from any other attorney I've opposed in criminal law. During my time with SFDA (after having first been a DA in Santa Clara County), I experienced many different types of

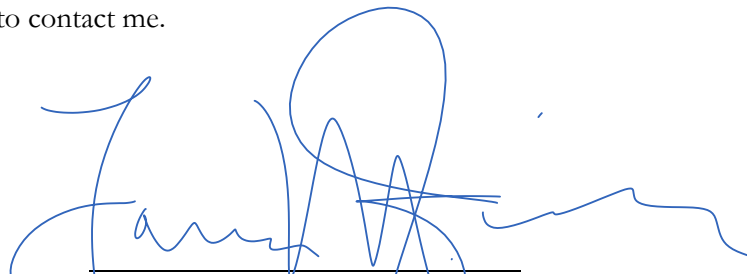
opponents. Most of them were adversarial to the point of being hostile, abrasive, disrespectful and many times dishonest. While it was not every attorney, it seemed to be the culture of the majority of criminal defense attorneys in San Francisco. I had not seen John in a courtroom since we became bar card-carrying attorneys. The first time I saw him, he greeted me with a big smile, made a joke about our law school days and how we were meeting again, on opposites sides of an issue. While we represented different interests, I learned that John the criminal defense attorney was the same man as the law student-John. John was persuasive and strategic while also making cogent and poignant points that often eroded the People's case against his client. During my time at the DA's office, I had a few incredibly challenging cases. Even though John was on a different side, he was always kind, supportive and respectful of the system and those doing their jobs – regardless of whose interest was being represented. When I graduated law school, I would have never expected to endorse, support or recommend a criminal defense attorney for the police commission. Now, I cannot imagine a better candidate to serve San Francisco on the Police Commission.

In addition to working “against” John in criminal court, John and I were members of the same Inn of Court for two years. This exclusive group of attorneys ranging in ages and area of practice was a wonderful space to develop and expand our skills. During one meeting, John and I volunteered to be “attorneys” for the exercise, switching our preferred alignment and having a mock trial on a single issue. John argued the merits of the prosecution's case, advocated for the fictitious officer that was involved and passionately represented the State's interest. I was deeply moved and inspired by John's spontaneous argument before our peers. If I remember correctly, our peers were tied in their “jury vote.” I was and am so proud to call John my friend and colleague. I left criminal law two years prior to this event - seeing John's evolution as an attorney, an advocate and as an expert in criminal law is what inspired me to use John as my “go-to” criminal defense, civil rights and civil harassment attorney. I frequently refer John on a variety of matters to clients, friends and others I care about. My reputation is my currency – 75% of my business comes from personal referrals and reputation. Any time I make a referral, my name is associated with that attorney. My list of referrals is very short and John is at the top of it for anything related to criminal law, civil rights violations or civil harassment.

On top of his professional accomplishments, John is a stellar mock trial coach who is dedicated to his students, his team and his community. John's ability to relate to adults and youth alike make him exceptionally well qualified for the Police Commission. John's impact on our city has been profound and he is only getting started.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly, enthusiastically and respectfully encourage you to appoint John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. John brings knowledge and experience of the criminal justice system combined with integrity, respect and professionalism. I know he will work well with the other commission members, the Board of Supervisors and the SFPD. If you have any further questions about John, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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*Via Email*

**Re: In Support of the Appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an excellent attorney, who is deeply committed to serving the community, especially those lacking the resources to otherwise have a meaningful voice. I believe John's background, training, and experience makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission.

**My Personal background.**

I am a Professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law School. I have been a law professor for 15 years, during I have taught Criminal Law, and relevantly, Investigative Criminal Procedure. My scholarship focuses on criminal law and procedure as it relates to race and gender, and thus I regularly engage deeply with questions of race and policing, community police relationships, and mass incarceration. As the child of a Japanese mother who was incarcerated in an internment camp during World War II, I have long been preoccupied with matters of police power and racial discrimination. Prior to teaching, I was a public defender in Washington, D.C., and a federal public defender in Miami, FL. While in Florida, I was a founding member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of South Florida. I am a member elect of the American Law Institute, and in that capacity, I am currently a consultant to the ALI "Principles of Policing" project.

Not only am I deeply involved in and concerned with policing practices, and particularly how the affect certain marginalized communities, I feel a particular connection to the Bay Area. I completed my undergraduate studies

at U.C. Berkeley and worked at law firms in San Francisco (O'Melveny & Myers; Heller, Ehrman) during law school. I have resided in Berkeley, Richmond, and the Upper Haight. My mother was born in Fresno, but her family relocated to Southern California after the camps. My Aunt is the former head of pediatrics at S.F. Children's hospital, and I spent a significant amount of time as a child in San Francisco visiting her. Consequently, like many people, I would like to see San Francisco become a national leader in terms of police community relations and recognize the importance of having a dedicated, diverse, and passionate Commission to ensure that the SFPD is a model police department. It is also essential that commissioners have a depth of knowledge, truly care about communities, are willing to ask the hard questions, and approach thorny issues with an open mind. John has all of these qualities and more, which is why he has, in six short years, gained respect throughout the S.F. legal community as a skilled and dedicated lawyer.

### **My Relationship to and Opinion of the Applicant.**

I have known John for 45 years, since I was born. John and I are from Miami—a place with a miniscule Japanese American population—and our parents are friends. John and I went to different primary and secondary schools and different colleges, but we reconnected when John became interested in becoming a lawyer. Since then, I have followed his career, and I am extremely impressed. It takes determination, strength, and self-confidence to start one's own firm right out of law school and take on criminal cases, some of the most emotionally charged, and difficult cases to try. Today, John is well-known within the criminal justice world and has an excellent reputation for hard work, dedication and compassion for his clients and all people within the justice system.

I believe that most public defenders and appointed defense attorneys are deeply committed to the rights of defendants, the constitution, justice, and equality. However, as with any profession, some are more committed than others. I have taught quite literally thousands of students and have placed hundreds in public defender jobs, so I know very well that levels of enthusiasm and dedication vary. I have been so struck by the sheer depth of John's commitment to indigent defendants—their rights, their liberty, and, indeed, the quality of their lives. Years prior to John's decision to enter law school, we talked about my work as a public defender, and I knew then that he would be one of the most dedicated advocates for the least among us. That thought proved prophetic as John's law career has unfolded.

Even with his deep commitment to his criminal clients, John has a profound respect for the police and the difficult and important work they do. In fact, one of the things most interesting and impressive about John is that he worked for a long time in the non-professional world before law school, including working in security positions. He therefore knows the challenges faced by those charged with maintaining order in volatile situations. John will bring this awareness to his work as a commissioner, and approach the task of improving police-citizen relationships with a sense of openness. John wants to help heal the very real divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes.

Finally, John is extensively involved with the Asian-Pacific Islander (API) community of San Francisco, in part through his association with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association. John has an excellent reputation within the API community for his work promoting civil rights and social justice causes. Some of his recent activities include participating in a sponsored discussion on race and policing and lecturing on the API experience in court. John is also well-known in the API community for his exemplary representation of API clients in criminal courts throughout the Bay Area.

In short John possesses all the qualities—expertise, dedication, open-mindedness, thoughtfulness, and passion—that one would want in a member of the Police Commission. Given today's climate, it is of utmost importance that cities involve the very best people in theorizing, designing, and implementing policies that so profoundly affect individuals and families in the community. John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will endeavor to do right by the people of our City.



Respectfully,

Aya Gruber  
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December 1, 2016

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of my friend and neighbor, John Hamasaki, to be appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I have lived and worked in San Francisco for 29 years after moving here from the Philippines, and I love this City. I have family here and have forged many wonderful friendships over the years. I volunteer with Reading Partners to tutor children at the Bessie Carmichael Elementary School, I firmly believe that people who live in San Francisco should contribute toward making the city a better place.

My main concern is San Francisco is the issue of homelessness. It is so important that we have someone like John who understands the unique challenges of policing and homelessness in San Francisco. Someone who will work together with the police and the community to help find practical solutions to the problems that face the City.

I know John because he is my neighbor in North Beach and I have become very good friends with him and his lovely family over the course of 10 years (maybe more---time flies!). John is always willing to help out, he has a very strong sense of fairness, he volunteers in the community, he has a great passion for helping people and a passion for San Francisco as well. He is also tough and dogged, but certainly has the ability to listen and be balanced in his opinions. He is able to make judgements after he has listened to all sides of an argument and he can do this in a calm and clear manner.

The City needs people like John Hamasaki. He is a hard worker who can be relied upon. He shows up.

As a criminal defense attorney, I would also think that John would be an asset to the Police Commission because of his experience with all sides of criminal issues in his work.

I hope that my letter to you will show my very strong support for John.

Thank you so much for your time,

Sandra Klar

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**Re: Letter of Support for John Hamasaki for Police Commission**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is John B. Lough, Jr., and I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am an associate attorney in a San Francisco law firm and currently serve as a Director-at-Large on the Board of Directors for the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA).<sup>\*</sup> While I live outside San Francisco, the San Francisco community is an active and integral part of my legal career and professional life. As a member of the Asian Pacific Islander community, I have a strong interest in the Commission's leadership as it relates to making the San Francisco Police Department a model for community policing, partnering with our communities.

Mr. Hamasaki and I serve together on the AABA Board of Directors. As brief background on AABA, AABA is one of the largest Asian American bar associations in the nation and one of the largest minority bar associations in the State of California. Since AABA's founding in 1976, AABA has been a leader in civil rights issues and community service. Those elected to serve on the AABA Board reflect that commitment.

When I was elected to the AABA Board in 2015, Mr. Hamasaki was already a seasoned board member. The qualities that struck me about Mr. Hamasaki were his collegiality, leadership, and thoughtfulness. As we have grown as friends and colleagues, my respect for him has only increased. In any discussion with Mr. Hamasaki, he actively listens and challenges one to think more critically. I have always left any discussion with Mr. Hamasaki better informed. He is a principled thinker, and there is no denying that he cares about the community and civil rights issues.

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<sup>\*</sup> For identification purposes only.



When you read Mr. Hamasaki's resume/curriculum vitae, you will see his commitment to diversity, civil rights, criminal justice, and the plethora of issues that impact our communities. Mr. Hamasaki is no stranger to the issues that face our law enforcement officers, as he has built his legal practice with a focus on defending constitutional protections in complex criminal cases implicating civil rights and civil liberties. With that said, Mr. Hamasaki is a thought leader when it comes to the challenges that impact communities and the police department. He has moderated AABA panels on *Race in Trials* and *Police, Race, and the Criminal Justice System*, and serves or has served as a board liaison to AABA's Judiciary, Public Law, Civil Rights, and Solo & Small Firm committees. Suffice to say, public service and community involvement flow through Mr. Hamasaki. He brings a principled and well-reasoned approach to any issue, and, just as importantly, he sees the long view in solving and analyzing problems.

It's easy to cry out that problems plague the police department, but it's a wholly different thing to be on the line pushing for that change. Mr. Hamasaki is on the front-line. He wants to restore the partnership and trust between the police and the diverse communities that officers serve. He wants the San Francisco Police Department to be the model for community policing, in particular a model for professionalism, transparency, fairness, and integrity. Given the division plaguing recent rhetoric, we need an experienced professional like Mr. Hamasaki to unify the interests that face the Commission.

Mr. Hamasaki is a 22-year San Francisco resident, criminal defense attorney, active member in the San Francisco legal community, and thought leader on civil rights and criminal justice issues, and he would make a welcome addition to the Commission. I support without reservation John Hamasaki's appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
*John B. Lough, Jr.*

December 1, 2016

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Alexia C. Mayorga, and I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am an Assistant Public Defender for the County of Sacramento. Prior to moving to Sacramento, I lived in San Francisco for approximately three years while I attended law school. That is when I had the great pleasure to meet John Hamasaki in his position as a criminal defense attorney. As a prior resident of San Francisco, and a member of the legal community, I believe it is extremely important to have attorneys with criminal law backgrounds on the police commission.

I first met John Hamasaki while looking for an internship in criminal law during my second year of law school. Mr. Hamaski graciously took me on as an intern and allowed me to work on research projects and observe court proceedings with him. During the time I spent as his intern, it was clear to me that John Hamasaki was a dedicated and zealous advocate for his clients. This was evident in his dealings with Deandre Mitchell. During the course of my internship I was able to work on the Mitchell case and learn from Mr. Hamasaki's knowledge of the first amendment and his arguments against the use of rap lyrics to support a gang enhancement charge.

After working with Mr. Hamasaki for approximately two years, he became my mentor as I started the bar exam process. It was during this time that Mr. Hamasaki assisted a family friend in navigating the criminal justice system. This family friend was arrested for an offense in San Francisco. Because he had never been involved in the criminal justice system before, I called Mr. Hamasaki to see if he could assist him. Without hesitation John walked my friend through the process, which ultimately ended in the case not being filed.

It is John Hamasaki's dedication to developing issues in the criminal justice system and the community of San Francisco that I believe makes him an excellent choice for the Police Commission. Mr. Hamasaki has always been on the forefront of legal issues affecting the San Francisco community. These qualities will be beneficial to have on a committee dedicated to the accountability and progress of the San Francisco Police Department.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Alexia C. Mayorga  
Attorney at Law



**BAYVIEW/HUNTERS POINT**  
C o m m u n i t y L e g a l

December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors

John Hamasaki let me know that his name is being considered for appointment to the police commission. I wanted to let you know that we believe he would do an excellent job.

At BHPCL we've handled a variety of police cases that no one else touches, including illegal property seizures, no probable cause arrests, failure to enforce court orders, and others. This has given us a unique perspective on the issues the police present to the local community. We've given testimony to both the DA's blue ribbon commission and DOJ's COPS investigation regarding the issue's we've seen. Generally, we feel that the police fail to protect our city's most vulnerable residents and displays a strong bias against African-Americans.

John has been involved in our organization for at least two years. He's worked as a criminal defense attorney for his entire legal career and is knowledgeable about the issues facing our community. He brings a deep understanding of the obstacles that his clients face. The foundation of this understanding was built by his experience growing up as a person of color in the South. Seeing how the police interacted with his diverse group of friends helped raise his consciousness about race relations in the U.S.

Through his work as a criminal defense attorney, he has developed a well-rounded and nuanced understanding of the police. It was striking to me, and to members of our staff, how he can deal with tough situations while maintaining composure and a positive attitude. His strength is sitting with clients that are feeling great despair and taking the time and care to show compassion to those individuals. This is a rare and important quality for an attorney to possess. He's not anti-police but does believe in the need for reform. Most importantly, we believe that he genuinely wants to see the police become an institution we can all be proud of.



Let me know if you have any questions,

Sincerely,

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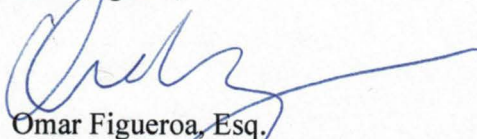
My name is Omar Figueroa. I am a criminal defense attorney and have been practicing for almost 20 years. I am the owner of a boutique law office in Sonoma County. I lived in San Francisco for several years during and after law school in the vibrant Mission District.

I still have a special place for San Francisco in my heart and remain connected to city events and politics through friends and colleagues. I have long been a fan of San Francisco's citizen oversight police commission and believe it serves a vital role as a people's "check" on law enforcement. It is thus my honor to recommend Mr. John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I've known Mr. Hamasaki for a number of years, and can attest to his honesty and dedication to justice. Mr. Hamasaki and I met in 2012 while serving as pro bono counsel together on behalf of the "PayPal 14." He is a hard-working and skilled attorney, and is committed to accomplishing the goals he sets. Mr. Hamasaki also devotes much of his time to community service in the Bay Area, from advising nonprofits that serve low-income communities to training high school students about law. He is heavily engaged with criminal justice issues, having founded his own practice focusing on criminal defense, and worked at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office prior to that. Mr. Hamasaki also volunteers with the National Lawyers Guild to provide pro bono representation to protest arrestees, and is heavily involved with the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice.

I believe that Mr. Hamasaki would be a superb addition to the Police Commission. His many years of experience in criminal defense practice provide him with an understanding of many of the issues facing the Police Commission. He desires to reform SFPD for the better and to restore trust between San Francisco residents, especially minorities, and law enforcement. Furthermore, his commitment to justice and accountability serves the Commission's goals.

Best Regards,



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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Jason Yee. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am the owner of the Law Office of Jason K. Yee, where I practice immigration and business law in the San Francisco Bay Area. My family owns Dee Dee Boutique, a four store cosmetic retail chain located in San Francisco Chinatown and Millbrae CA that has been in business for over 27 years. I have lived in San Francisco all my life for 27 years and am a 1st generation San Franciscan. My parents, my sister, and many of my relatives are also San Francisco residents, who operate businesses and work in the city. As a member of the business community, I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it relates to safety and police relations with local residents. My family's business is involved with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce and our business serves mainly the Chinese community in the San Francisco Bay Area. My particular concerns as they relate to the Police Commission and San Francisco Police Department are safety and communication between the police and the communities throughout San Francisco.

I am acquainted with John Hamasaki through the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF) and Asian American Bar Association (AABA), where John serves as a Board Director for both organizations respectively. In AABA, I serve as a Membership Committee Co-chair to recruit Asian attorneys and other attorneys to our organization, and to represent our bar association to other bar associations and nonprofits. During this year, John moderated two panels for the Asian American Bar Association discussing the issues of racial bias in trials and police interactions with our justice system. John is a well-respected attorney in the field of criminal defense and civil rights, and I have called upon him in the past to refer clients and for legal advice. John works closely with the courts and justice system on a daily basis, and understands the challenges San Francisco faces and the areas that can be improved. John is very involved in the legal community, particularly with the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice and I am confident that he has the qualifications to help make our city a safer place and to improve the public's view of our police force.

John Hamasaki is a strong choice for the Police Commission. With his experience and expertise in the criminal field, John understands the issues that the local community is facing because he works day to day with local courts and speaks with community leaders to seek justice for the city. John brings his own perspective regarding criminal justice to restore trust between our diverse communities and the SFPD. John seeks to make the SFPD a model for the nation in professionalism, transparency, fairness and integrity, and will be a great addition to the Police Commission.

Jason Yee  
San Francisco Resident and Business Owner

December 1, 2016

**VIA EMAIL**

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Rule Committee Members

**Re: Letter of support for John Hamasaki**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

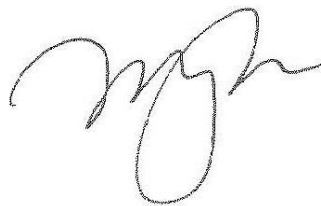
My name is Marie Ma. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a second generation San Franciscan. My grandparents and parents, who are originally from China, emigrated from Taiwan to San Francisco's Inner Richmond District in the 1960s. My first apartment in San Francisco was in that same neighborhood 17 years ago. My husband and I, and our two-year old twin boys, currently reside in the Duboce Triangle neighborhood. In addition to being in-house counsel at Gap Inc., I currently serve as chair of the in-house committee of the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area (AABA), and chair of the Mock Trial Committee of the Bar Association of San Francisco (BASF). I also serve on the University of San Francisco School of Law's Board of Governors.

I've known John since our days at the University of San Francisco School of Law. Since then, I've had the pleasure and privilege of getting to know him better through his work for both AABA and BASF. Apart from being a great lawyer, John is a warm, compassionate and humble person who, despite a demanding practice and personal life, serves on various boards, including BASF's Barrister's Club and AABA. In addition, he makes time to serve as a coach and mentor for the students of College Track as part of BASF's Mock Trial program. It's through his work volunteering as the coach captain of this Mock Trial team that I have been witness to some of the best attributes that John possesses.

As background, BASF's Mock Trial program is an inter-scholastic competition where high school students try a hypothetical criminal case. The program includes 9 public high schools in San Francisco, as well as one after-school program (College Track). Students in the programs come from a diverse set of backgrounds with most coming from under-served schools and communities. While the program was originally created to help students learn about our judicial system and develop analytical and persuasive communication skills, for many of these students, their Mock Trial coaches are the first attorneys they've come into contact with. These coaches play a significant role in the development of these students and in introducing them to a potential career in law (we hope!). To me, the Mock Trial program is one of the true diversity pipeline programs we have in our community, and John is a significant presence in the program as a longtime coach and mentor. To see him with his students during the competition, to watch him advocate on their behalf, is to glimpse who John truly is. He cares about these students like they are his own family. He guides them not only through competition but through significant milestones in their lives during these critical high school years. When you marry this side of John with the civil rights and criminal defense attorney who has a deep understanding of the challenges this city, its communities, and the SFPD face, you have someone who fundamental understands the issues on both sides of the fence, and has true potential to become a consensus builder during a critical time in our community. It is for these reasons that I write to you in support of John Hamasaki's appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marie J. Ma', written in a cursive style.

Marie J. Ma



November 30, 2016

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*Via Email*

**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an attorney dedicated serving the community and believe that he is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission based on his background, training and experience.

I am currently the Vice President of Sales for First Legal Network and my office is in the Financial District of San Francisco. I have lived in the San Francisco Bay Area all of my life and my love for this city has grown through the year and I've been able to appreciate all the different facets this city has to offer. Since graduating from college I have been fortunate to give back to the community thru different community service projects and associations. The safety of San Francisco is extremely important to me as my children are now part of this community as well.

Like many people, I would like to see San Francisco work together with the Commission and the police to ensure that we have a model police department. I think that is only possible with asking difficult questions and open dialogue. I believe that John's background and experience dealing with law enforcement and policing issues makes him the ideal candidate. He is someone who is well-respected throughout the legal community.

I have known John for six years primarily through his service to the Asian American Bar Association of Northern California. I have always known John to be an outgoing individual of extreme integrity and intelligence. I often see him at Association events making an effort to reach out to those he doesn't know and understanding as many perspectives as he can.

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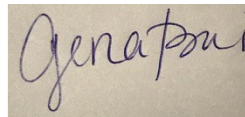
dedication to the API community through his work representing individuals facing prosecution in criminal courts throughout the Bay Area.

The criminal justice system as an attorney who has dedicated his practice to representing individuals facing prosecution in the courts throughout the Bay Area. John is well-known within the criminal justice world and has an excellent reputation for hard work, dedication and compassion for his clients and all of the people within the justice system.

John has remained engaged civically and in his community as long as I have known him. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and reform and has an understanding of the effects that policies have on law enforcement, our communities, and our families. He respects our police officers and the difficulty of the work they do. Given today's climate, I think it is important to note that John wants to help heal the very real divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes. I know that if appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission he will bring to it his value set and commitment to the people of San Francisco.

I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will always ask himself what is right for the people of our City.

Respectfully,

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jonathan Roberts. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a criminal defense attorney who lives and works in San Francisco. I represent indigent clients in their court-appointed appeals throughout California, including in San Francisco and the Bay Area.

As an attorney whose clients are on the receiving end of police action, it is of great importance to me that the commission overseeing the actions of those officers includes members who understand where my clients are coming from. As I am sure you are aware, the issues of public safety and ensuring that the public is protected by *and from* the police is a pivotal issue being discussed throughout the country. I believe that San Francisco should play a leading role in that conversation.

I have worked in an office suite with Mr. Hamasaki for the past four years and have been able to witness his dedication to representing his clients in cases involving various issues including police abuse, misconduct, and other violations of constitutional rights. Based on my experiences with Mr. Hamasaki, I believe he would be an important asset to the police commission in implementing proper policies to address these issues.

Mr. Hamasaki has a strong passion to not only to vigorously represent his clients in court, but also to represent their interests in the media and public forums. For example, I have listened to Mr. Hamasaki discussing issues such as the freedom of individuals to record police interactions on the radio station KPFA. He also recently wrote an important article regarding the Sandra Bland incident, which was widely circulated online.

I feel that his ability and willingness to communicate complex ideas to a larger audience will be an asset to the police commission. The public should know not only their rights, but also what policies have been enacted in order to help protect those rights. If the public is able to understand the policies and procedures in place regarding interactions with the police, public trust in the justice system can grow.

Based on Mr. Hamasaki's in-depth experience with the criminal justice system, I strongly urge the board to appoint Mr. Hamasaki to the police commission.

Sincerely,

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To whom it may concern,

I am a criminal defense attorney in San Francisco and am writing in support of John Hamasaki's appointment to the Police Commission. I have practiced law in San Francisco for the past eight years and been a resident since I arrived as an east coast transplant fifteen years ago. I love being a part of such a progressive community, and now more than ever value our city's openness and acceptance of different viewpoints.

I met John Hamasaki as a law student at USF. We graduated in the same class and had many opportunities to bond while exploring legal issues and ideas as bright eyed students. John had a real passion for the law from the beginning, and I recall feeling that he was a formidable opponent when we faced off in a mock trial. Over the years we've been in practice, I've watched his devotion to civil rights and to advocacy for the criminally accused deepen as he has grown personally as a person, as a father and a husband.

John would, in my opinion, make an excellent addition to the police commission because he comes from a place of true concern for our city. He has refined a tough exterior as a trial attorney and is a savvy litigator, but his passion for justice comes from his deep commitment to values of fairness and equality. His voice will be one of reason in a role that will require keen judgment and willingness to work with all sides to make progress.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely,

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**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Letter of support for John Hamasaki's application to the Police Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Amy Hansen and I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am Associate General Counsel at AppDynamics, Inc., an enterprise software company located in San Francisco. I have lived in San Francisco since 2005 and am raising two children in Potrero Hill. My family is originally from New Jersey, but we have gradually emigrated here - my mother and father are separated but both live in San Francisco, as do two of my cousins, and my only sister lives in Oakland. I am a member of my neighborhood organization, the Potrero Boosters. As a resident of Potrero Hill, I live in a community that is sharply divided - on the North side of Potrero Hill, there is incredible wealth and privilege, and on the South side are the public housing projects. Therefore I have an interest in the Police Commission's policies as they relate to the treatment of race and class in policing.

John and I met while studying to become lawyers at the University of San Francisco School of Law, and we have remained friends since then. One of John's strongest qualities is his passion and commitment to representing those most in need of an advocate. He hung his shingle as a solo practitioner to dedicate himself to representing defendants in criminal cases, and took on cases with unique civil rights issues. Another quality about John I admire is his preparation. This is a quality that I saw in law school as we studied together. In his practice, I have seen him reach out to his network (myself and other law classmates) for information about cases, for example. Finally, in the social setting, I have seen that John is a great father to his young son - he is gentle yet firm in his parenting, and often cares for his child for long periods of time while his wife travels for her own work. He takes on his parenting duties from the perspective of equality, which (as a mother myself) I admire. The ability to balance his career with his parenting obligations takes considerable management skill.

I believe that John's qualities above will be extremely valuable to the Police Commission. John's work representing defendants in criminal cases gives him the perspective to understand underserved communities, such as the poor and minorities, which comprise a disproportionate amount of those involved in criminal matters with the police. John's experience in the Public Defender's Office, and his skill for preparation, means that he can hit the ground running with the Police Commission - he knows how the system works, and he understands the consequences of decisions to discipline police, for example. Finally, his ability to organize his time and priorities as a parent is a valuable skill in a role that may require him to juggle many responsibilities at one time.

Given the current tense atmosphere around policing in San Francisco (and nationally), John's background as a criminal defense lawyer would give the Police Commission credibility in its rules and decision making.

For these reasons, I strongly support John's application to the Police Commission.

Regards,

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Dear Mr. Evans,

I write this letter in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a civil defense attorney, and earned my law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law. While my office is based in Oakland, I represent clients throughout the Bay Area, and generally have multiple active matters at San Francisco Superior Court at any given time.

I have lived in San Francisco since 2000, and I consider the City my lifelong home. I have lived in Russian Hill, the Upper Haight, the Western Addition (although I suppose folks now call this area "NOPA"), and SoMa. I currently live in northeast Bernal Heights, where my husband and I moved in 2012.

The experience of living in many different neighborhoods has shaped my multi-faceted (and perhaps seemingly inconsistent) concerns related to the Police Commission and the San Francisco Police Department. On one hand, I feel as though police response in many areas of the city is lacking, and there is a disparity regarding the general attention given to certain neighborhoods, especially those with a high percentage of rental units or SROs. For example, my husband and I lived on 11th Street near Howard for over six years, and were confronted daily with quality-of-life issues (including almost weekly car break-ins), which often went unaddressed. Once we moved to Bernal Heights, our focus as it relates to police issues shifted from a feeling of no police presence to a feeling of targeted police activity, especially following our neighborhood's response to the shooting of Alex Nieto. My husband, who is Mexican-American, and I have concerns about police accountability (or at least the perception thereof) and the related concern of repairing the SFPD's relationship with people of color.

It is from this perspective that I confidently recommend John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. John and I first met in 2005 as first year law students at USF. He seemed deeply committed to his adopted home of San Francisco, and I recall visiting him in North

Beach, where he seemingly knew everyone. Throughout law school, John was a hard worker who often respectfully challenged my and other's world views. From early on, John was interested in assisting the underrepresented, and his transition to a criminal defense attorney seemed natural. We continue to associate socially and professionally, and I have attended multiple events he has hosted as Director of the Asian American Bar Association. I was particularly impressed at his ability to moderate one particular panel, which included both federal prosecutors and public defense attorneys (including Jeff Adachi). John was able to ask questions and balance the conversation in such a way that the panel's conflicting viewpoints were presented in a productive and non-acrimonious way.

John, like my husband and I, is deeply concerned about safety and the quality of life in San Francisco, and he shares our hope that a good relationship between the SFPD and the community – especially underrepresented members of this community– will strengthen our City. John's pro bono work and his community service emphasize his commitment to this goal, and his practical approach to working together to solve the City's problems would be a fitting addition to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Sincerely,

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**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an attorney dedicated serving the community and believe that he is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission based on his background, training and experience.

I am currently the Director of the Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach Anti-Human Trafficking Project working to protect survivors of human trafficking through immigration proceedings, emergency and long-term housing, access to civil litigation and restitution in criminal proceedings. In my work, I have direct contact with law enforcement in San Francisco and it is important to have a productive working relationship between the survivors and the police.

The Police Commission is a crucial position for both the API community and especially our clients who are survivors of human trafficking. Without a productive working relationship with the police, survivors are frightened of coming forward or working together to prosecute perpetrators of human trafficking.

I know John through the Asian American Bar Association where he is active in supporting the API community through civil rights and social justice work. I also know of John's work representing individuals in the criminal justice system and his dedication to the fair treatment of all people, regardless of their circumstances. I believe he will be able to work with all of the stakeholders in the community to help rebuild some of the frayed relationships between police and the community.

I know that we have a lot of work to do as a City to build a truly healthy relationship between all communities and law enforcement. I think appointing John to the Police Commission will be a good first step.



Respectfully,

  
Leah Chen Price

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**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I write in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I have known John for 12 years, and has seen him dedicated his legal career on ensuring that the voiceless has a voice in the criminal justice system, and that each person is treated fairly, regardless of her race or socio-economic background. Based on his experience and his background, I believe that he is exceptionally well qualified to serve on the Commission.

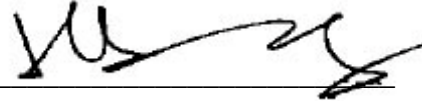
I've been with the Asian American Bar Association of San Francisco Bay Area (AABA) for 10 years, and even though I no longer reside in San Francisco, I still hold dear the values that define San Francisco – equality, diversity, and justice. As President of AABA, I've worked on numerous issues with our diverse communities, such as a forum on race and police where we've invited law enforcement, public defenders, and district attorneys to engage in a discussion on race and police with the community. We've also hosted discussions on topical issues such as gender discrimination in the technology sector and most recently how the Asian Pacific American community can work together and with other diverse communities to defend these values in light of the Trump Presidency. As we develop and implement these initiatives, John has been instrumental in providing the necessary leadership and skills to ensure that these programs are successful in every sense of the word. In addition, John is well respected within the APA community and the legal community at large for his work promoting civil rights and social justice causes.

John has remained engaged civically and in his community as long as I have known him. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and has an understanding of the effects that policies have on law enforcement, our communities, and our families. He respects our police officers and the difficulty of the work they do. Given today's climate, I think it is important to note that John wants to help heal the very real divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes. I believe that real change is possible if we have honest and

open dialogue in a respectful and productive manner, and I believe John's background and experience would help us achieve the goal of bridging the divide.

I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will always ask himself what is right for the people of our City.

Respectfully,

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**Re: Letter of Support for John Hamasaki**

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Kelly Matayoshi, and I am writing to voice my strong support for John Hamaski to be appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am an attorney at Farella Braun + Martel LLP in San Francisco and have been a San Francisco resident since I moved here to attend UC Hastings College of the Law in 2009. I am actively involved in the legal community in San Francisco, serving on the UC Hastings Board of Governors, coaching UC Hastings moot court teams, serving as a Director-at-Large for the Asian American Bar Association (“AABA”), and will soon be joining John on the San Francisco Bar Association’s Barrister’s Club Board. I am Asian American, LGBT, and female, and believe strongly in the value of diversity. I think it is important for San Francisco’s Police Department to reflect the diversity of the community it serves, and that it must focus on training its officers to address the city’s unique challenges with compassion, empathy, and a strong sense of justice.

I have known John for several years through AABA, and particularly in the last year we served as Directors together. From the start, John impressed me with his obvious passion for AABA and the principles it stands on. At meetings, he is always the most prepared, and comes up with practical, balanced, and reasoned solutions when we reach an impasse. John is incredibly supportive and was the one who encouraged me to apply for the Barrister’s Club Board. He did so because he believed in the importance of diversity and the new perspectives it brings to the table.

I am excited about the prospect of John serving on the San Francisco Police Commission, and encourage all of you to appoint him. John has worked in criminal law as a public defender and then in private practice for almost a decade. First-hand experience with the criminal justice system is of critical importance when it comes to knowing not only what the San Francisco Police Department needs, but how to do it. John brings not just his wealth of experience defending individuals arrested by the police, but his strong guiding principles and ability to collaborate. I think that these are of critical importance to tackle the tough issues that the Police Commission faces to both ensure order while balancing the racial tensions that are all too

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prevalent now days. As a member of a minority community himself, John brings credibility and empathy that the Police Commission needs.

Finally, I've spoken to John at length about his desire to serve on the Police Commission. I can say without hesitation that he is passionate about it. John cares deeply about bringing positive change and accountability to the Police Department, and I do not doubt he will put in the time and effort needed to do so. Never one to stay idle, John will bring energy, innovation, and collaboration to his work on the Police Commission. I wholeheartedly support his application, and hope you will do the same.

If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kelly M. Matayoshi

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*Sent via: Email*

*Re: John Hamasaki for the Police Commission*

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors and Rules Committee:

My name is Brian A. Ford, and I am writing to you in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a solo practicing criminal defense attorney, my office is located near North Beach. I was born and raised in the Bay Area, and have lived in the San Francisco area since 2010. As a member of the San Francisco legal community, I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it relates to police practices and relations with the community—two areas in which the San Francisco Police Department is in dire need. John Hamasaki is a strong candidate to help the Commission restore the much needed trust between San Francisco's citizens and proud police officers.

I met John shortly in 2012, while I was still in law school, through my first legal job. John was a professional friend of my supervising attorney, and I have had the pleasure of working on motions with him and becoming socially acquainted. John was always supportive and instructive to me, and I found his insights into the legal system to be invaluable through the young years of my career. I know him to be a devoted family man with a sharp intellect, an excellent sense of humor, and a firm

commitment to justice. His character is impeccable, and his wisdom and experience will be invaluable to the Police Commission.

John has always been committed to social justice, even in his private practice. He has fiercely advocated for his clients and for the civil liberties protected by the United States Constitution his entire career. I trust that as a nearly life-long resident of San Francisco, who has worked tirelessly in our courts, he will keep the best interests of San Franciscans and the integrity of our police department close to his heart. I fully support his goals to implement the recommendations from the Department of Justice COPS report, and I believe that with his leadership, trust between San Franciscans and their police department will be fostered because John will advocate for greater transparency and accountability of our police officers to our citizens. In my opinion, he is a leader that the Police Commission cannot afford to pass on.

I am proud to provide my support to John Hamasaki for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission. Please contact me for any additional information at (415)986-5591.

Sincerely,



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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I write to support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am an associate attorney at Shartsis Friese LLP, where I practice business litigation. I am Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the California Young Lawyers Association and a member of the Bar Association of San Francisco. I have lived in San Francisco for the past six years. As a member of the legal community, and as a citizen, I have a vested interest in ensuring that the San Francisco Police Department is well-equipped to fulfill its mission: protecting life and property and reducing crime while upholding the Constitution.

I have known John since 2011, when we began serving as volunteer high school mock trial coaches. Along with other local attorneys, we helped students enrolled in the College Track after-school program, a comprehensive program that recruits students from underserved communities and works continuously with them from the summer before ninth grade through college graduation. We worked with students throughout the academic year to help them understand the legal system (including such complex subjects as jury instructions and the rules of evidence), use their analytical skills to craft factual and legal arguments, and ultimately present a mock criminal trial before a Superior Court judge and a panel of practicing attorneys. At the end of each season, they successfully competed with elite teams from high schools around San Francisco.

Throughout our time coaching, John stood apart in his dedication to the team and ability to connect with a wide variety of students of different ages and backgrounds, with varying degrees of aptitude, English-speaking ability, and confidence. John became a trusted mentor to many students and a consistent leader of our coaching staff. He had a unique ability to motivate students and coaches alike with humor, intelligence, and conviction. He is reliable and accountable.

In discussing John's practice with him, it became obvious to me that he has an abiding commitment to his clients and to defending the Constitution. He also has the intelligence, street smarts, and common sense to select strategies that have a high chance of success—while not



turning down cases that have problems or might be difficult. He is not afraid—and in fact relishes the opportunity—to break new ground by making innovative, yet well-founded, legal arguments. All the while, he never loses sight of his primary responsibility: protecting his clients' interests.

If John is appointed to the Police Commission, I am confident that he will bring the same intelligence, commitment to the Constitution, compassion, and drive to the important mission of setting policy for the Police Department and adjudicating misconduct cases. I believe, and I know John does as well, that trust between a police department and the people it serves can only exist in an environment of transparency and accountability. I know John will make our city stronger.

Thank you for the opportunity to support John's appointment, and thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to support John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an attorney dedicated to serving the community and believe that he is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission because of his background, training, and experience.

I am a former resident of the City and County of San Francisco and worked in San Francisco for the last ten years. For community and cultural activities, I still travel to San Francisco multiple times a week. On a personal and community level, policing is critical to me to ensure that all community members feel safe conducting business, residing, and engaging in activities around San Francisco. Further, as a long-time civil rights advocate and a reentry services program manager for Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, I am deeply concerned about the state of our local law enforcement system.

I believe it is important for the City and County of San Francisco's police commission to ensure that we have a model police department, which is only possible through the Commission's willingness to address difficult questions and create open dialogue. John's background and experience working with law enforcement and policing issues makes him the ideal candidate for this task. As a well-respected member of the legal community, John would be able to carry out the duties of a Commissioner with thoughtfulness, tact, and impartiality.

I have known John for 6 years, primarily through his service to the Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities and his leadership through the Asian American Bar Association. John has an excellent reputation within the API communities for his work promoting civil rights and social

justice causes. He has recently addressed issues such as the intersection of race and policing and the API experience in the courtroom.

John is also well-known for his dedication to the API communities through his work representing individuals facing prosecution in criminal courts throughout the Bay Area. John is well-known within the criminal justice world and has an excellent reputation for hard work, dedication, and compassion for his clients and all of the people within the justice system.

John has been engaged civically and in his community as long as I have known him. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and reform and has an understanding of the effects that policies have on law enforcement, our communities, and our families. He respects our police officers and the difficulty of the work they do.

In today's climate, it is important to note that John hopes to help heal the significant divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes. I know that if appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission, he will contribute these values and commitment to the people of San Francisco.

I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will always ask himself what is right for the people of San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Sophia Lai

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**Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission**

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. As a fellow criminal defense attorney, I know John as a hard-working practitioner dedicated to serving his clients and the community like few in our profession. I believe that John is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission based on his background, training, and experience.

I have lived in the Bay Area since 2009; I lived in San Francisco for two years, and have spent the last five in Oakland. I have been practicing criminal defense since 2011, and have been in frequent contact with John ever since. In the community, I served as Chair of the Bay Area Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society for three years (and have been on its board for five), and am deeply involved in the racial and criminal justice reform work of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and Ryan Coogler's Blackout for Human Rights. Before moving to the Bay, I served as a Judicial Selection Fellow at Alliance for Justice in Washington D.C., and as an Assistant Attorney General in Ohio, where I defended statewide officeholders in civil litigation.

Like many people, I would like to see San Francisco work together with the Commission and the police to ensure that the city has a police department that is a model to the country. I believe we can get there by asking difficult questions and having open dialogue, and that John's background and experience dealing with law enforcement and policing issues – and his respect in the community, in which he has deep ties – makes him the ideal candidate for this position.

John has been involved in his community as long as I have known him. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and reform, and has a deep understanding of the effects policing policies have on communities, families, and on law enforcement personnel. John respects our police officers and the difficulty of the work they do. Given today's climate, I think it is significant that John wants to help heal the divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve. I am confident that, if appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission, he will bring to it his values and commitment to the people of San Francisco.

John Hamasaki is a dedicated, hard-working, pragmatic, and civically-engaged San Franciscan who is dedicated to progress and reform. He would be an enormous asset to the people of the City and County of San Francisco, and I endorse his candidacy for a position on the Police Commission.

Respectfully,

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Dan Roth

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# Robyn Reynolds

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December 1, 2016

To whom it may concern:

My name is Robyn Reynolds. I'm writing you today in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I'm a 21 year resident of North Beach and have worked for a small consulting firm called Age Wave for the last 15 years. We were based downtown for the first 10 or so years and recently moved our offices out to Emeryville.

John and I have been close personal friends for almost 20 years. Twenty years is a long time to be friends someone, at least it is for me. He and I have grown and evolved from pesky kids right out of college into a couple of pretty respectable "grown-ups." Throughout it all, John has been honest, trustworthy, dependable and kind. He's the kind of person that you know you want to have in your corner in a jam. He's courageous, hard-working and always there to hold a hand out to lift up the underdog. He's been an active member of our community for as long as I've known him – an unofficial "mayor of North Beach."

It took him a while to find his calling in criminal justice. It was never a role I would have imagined for him when we were playing touch football in our 2006 Turkey Bowl on Thanksgiving in Washington Square Park, but one that, in hindsight, is an absolute perfect fit. He's a natural born leader with a keen mind and an incredible work ethic.

As a long time North Beach resident, I've generally had outstanding interactions with the wonderful, cool-headed beat officers in my neighborhood. I do, however, have some concerns about the citywide force in general, particularly given the recent Mario Woods tragedy, which shook my faith in the larger city-wide force. I'm also quite concerned about the direction our country has taken since the election. I feel that the SFPD will have an incredible challenge in the months and years ahead to try and non-violently deescalate the inevitable culture clashes to come. Our country and our city are in pain. I worry that the violence taking place in the rest of the country is bound to spread to our beautiful neighborhoods.

That's where John comes in. John's dedication to truth and transparency will serve the city well. I, for one, will feel a little more at ease knowing that John is out there watching the backs of our good cops and helping to root out the truth when the picture isn't quite as rosy. I respectfully request that you join me in supporting John in his bid for to join the Police Commission. Our beautiful city needs him.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Reynolds". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Robyn Reynolds

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December 1, 2016

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Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's candidacy for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a civil rights attorney and the former Associate Director of the USF School of Law's Criminal and Juvenile Justice Law Clinic and Racial Justice Clinic. I have known John since we met 11 years ago as incoming law students at USF. Together as students we focused on criminal law courses and participated in the same clinical course that I would later teach. As long as I have known him, John has been both deeply interested in, and committed to, criminal justice advocacy and reform.

After law school John became a close confidant as I built my practice. He developed a strong working knowledge of a criminal defense attorney's ethical obligations, and so any time I had an ethical quandary, I would call John for advice on how to proceed. We frequently consulted one another on case strategies and research questions, and, on occasion, represented co-defendants. Thus, I had ample opportunity to observe John's dealings with attorneys, law enforcement, and the general public. John is well-liked on both sides of the aisle. He is well-respected amongst his fellow civil rights attorneys and maintains cordial professional relationships with his opposing counsel. He understands the pressures faced by the SFPD in our increasingly polarized society, and is as committed to improving accountability measures as he is to ensuring that our officers receive the resources necessary for them to fulfill their duties to the best of their abilities.

As an attorney, a teacher, and a student of clinical psychology I am deeply troubled by trends in escalation and use of force in matters involving persons suffering from mental illnesses. San Francisco stands in a unique position to be a national leader on reforming this issue. We have a large proportion of impoverished residents who suffer from mental illness, a cultural history of inclusivity and sensitivity, and some of the finest mental health research facilities in the world. I have spoken at length to John in regards to this issue, and believe him to be the only current candidate for the Police Commission with the academic, professional, and community-based experience sufficient to devise a workable solution to this growing problem.

My recommendation of John Hamasaki for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission is unequivocal. If any of my remarks require clarification or elaboration, I am more than happy to provide it upon request.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Letter In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I'm writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission.

I'm an attorney in the San Francisco office of Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP, where I have worked since 2011. I lived in San Francisco for four years before moving to Oakland in 2015, my parents moved to San Francisco (from New York) last year, and my brother has lived in San Francisco for almost 20 years. I have a strong connection to the city and the Commission's work is deeply important to me and my family.

I've gotten to know John through our service this past year on the Board of Directors of the Barristers Club of the Bar Association of San Francisco. He has shown dedication, commitment and enthusiasm in serving as Diversity Director for the Board. He has also been an integral part of the Practical Skills Initiative Task Force, a subcommittee of the Board that has been meeting with judges and members of the bar to create more opportunities in the courtroom for newer lawyers. John is well-respected in the legal community, the API community, and the community at large. I believe he is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission.

Respectfully,

Adam Kaplan



December 1, 2016

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's candidacy for the Police Commission. I worked as a criminal defense attorney for many years in the Bay Area, and I currently work as a law clerk at the First District Court of Appeal. In my spare time, I am a board member of the San Francisco chapter of the ACLU of Northern California. I have been a resident of San Francisco for 13 years, and I attended USF School of Law with John. John and I both spent many years working as criminal defense attorneys throughout the courts of the Bay Area.

After getting to know John over the past few years, I can say a few things for certain: he is smart, dedicated to his clients, and has a strong ability to work well within a system to get things accomplished. His temperament is measured, and he takes into consideration all sides of a situation before deciding which course of action to take. He is personable, easy to work with, and will be the kind of person who will work hard to come to the just and appropriate resolution of any issue before him.

John would bring a diverse perspective to the Commission, and his leadership roles in the Asian American Bar Association and the Barrister Club of the San Francisco Bar Association demonstrate a commitment to leadership that would be invaluable to the Commission. He also is passionate about making the criminal justice system the best it can be, and that includes making sure police are held accountable for their actions, while still being fair-minded and able to set aside his personal bias to reach an equitable outcome.

I highly recommend John Hamasaki for appointment to the Police Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/

Meredith E. Marzuoli

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**Subject:** Letter in Support of John Hamasaki for Police Commission Position

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Lauren Schweizer, and I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am a criminal defense attorney, and I have lived in our city since 2009. As a member of the criminal defense community, I have a strong interest in the Commission's leadership.

I have known John Hamasaki since 2014, which is the year I graduated from law school. I was a new face in the criminal defense community, and John provided me with many professional opportunities to network and engage with our profession. He regularly checked in with me to see how I was doing in my career, and his mentorship has been invaluable. My experience with John is indicative of his involvement in the legal community overall; I have always known John to be informed, connected, and proactive in coordinating events, discussions, and networking opportunities. Specifically, I have worked with John through the Bar Association of San Francisco, where we planned an event discussing federal criminal sentencing.

As a San Francisco community member, it is important to me that there be accountability in the San Francisco Police Department. Our community is in flux. The divide between the haves and the have nots is widening, and the police department is in the middle. How officers conduct themselves in these times - and how officer misconduct is addressed - will have long lasting repercussions. In order for the increasingly marginalized community to feel heard, understood, and valued, there absolutely must be accountability within the police force. I believe that John Hamasaki understands that perspective, and his input will be invaluable to the commission going forward.

I believe John Hamasaki is qualified, motivated, and particularly situated such that he is necessary for our police commission's positive progress in the future. If you have any questions or concerns about his suitability for the position, do not hesitate to contact me at (415) 553-9304.

Sincerely,

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Lauren Marie Schweizer

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November 30, 2016

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Priscilla K. Lee. I'm writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I have lived in San Francisco since 1992, in the same apartment in the Inner Richmond district. I'm an owner of boutique Registration & Housing company.

I love San Francisco and I can't image living in any other city. I'm always proud to represent the diversity of people and culture of this city. As an Asian American, I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership to support people of color, especially the Asian community. It's my strong belief that the leaders of city/state/country should try harder to represent ALL people of color.

I had the pleasure of meeting John Hamasaki earlier this year. Prior to meeting John in person, I had spoken to several lawyers for legal advice. Of all the lawyers that I dealt with, John was the only lawyer that showed genuine compassion. He was really concerned for us and took interest in us as people and not just as clients.

My hard of hearing brother, Ben was involved in an online dating scam. Ben listened to the instructions of the scammers and quit his job to withdraw all of his 401K money. In total, my brother lost over \$90,000 to the scam and on top of this mess, his two colleagues that were involved in the same scam were trying to sue my brother for \$37,000 of their money that they lost to the same scammers.

As you could imagine, we were frustrated, scared and overwhelmed and needed legal assistance with Ben's problems. Once John took our case, we felt relieved and knew we were in good hands. John took our case, without any deposit or asked for any money. What lawyer would do that?

We need people with compassion, dedication and empathy in leadership roles to serve all people. John Hamasaki is a leader with strong conviction to our community and city.

Thank you for your attention. If you need additional information from me, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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December 1, 2016

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**RE: Letter of Support for John Hamasaki  
San Francisco Police Commission Candidacy**

Dear Katy Tang, Rules Committee member:

I hope this letter finds you well. My name is Michelle Tong and I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I have been employed with the San Francisco Public Defender's office for 13 years this January, 2017. During my tenure, I was a paralegal for two years, a misdemeanor attorney for two years, and have been handling serious felonies for the past nine years. Additionally, I have lived in the Richmond District in San Francisco for the past four years. As a Deputy Public Defender assigned to represent indigent and oftentimes, clients of color, the police commission leadership strikes a personal chord with my personal and professional life.

I often feel San Franciscans believe they are a racially tolerant city. As such, the San Francisco police department along with their policies and procedures would treat all individuals, regardless of race, class, gender, sexuality, financial or neighborhood status, equally. Unfortunately, what I have always known, heard and seen from my work and personal experiences have suggested otherwise. San Francisco is one of the quintessential American cities. In light of that, it is troubling and disturbing to witness a police department that racially profiles people, openly makes homophobic, racist comments in text messages to each other and blatantly lies in police reports. It was only a matter of time that the truth would reveal itself and the world learned the San Francisco police department: 1) disproportionately arrests people of color 2) sent racist texts and 3) wrote police reports that were contracted by surveillance cameras.

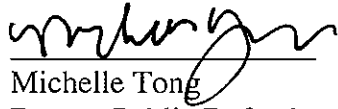
The above leads me to share how long I have known John Hamasaki. I have known John since 2007 when he was a law clerk in my office. After John was admitted to the California Bar, he returned to my office and dedicated four months where he received no financial compensation and tried four jury trials to verdict. Since then, I have stayed in touch with John as he developed his own private criminal defense practice. More recently, I consulted with John for his expertise about gunshot detection location technology because he was the only criminal defense attorney that had the specific knowledge and expertise in this area. Over the past nine years, I have also seen John work with numerous community associations such as the Asian American Bar Association and the Asian Law Caucus. I have always been impressed with John's commitment to representing people accused of crimes, his eagerness to foster relationships with colleagues

and the community, and his genuine desire and interest to improve the San Francisco Police Department policies and restore trust between San Francisco residents and the police.

Based on my professional and personal friendship with John, not only is he an excellent choice for the Police Commission, but his personal experiences on the frontlines of those accused of crimes and his perspectives would be a necessary and vital voice to the Commission. I am confident that my current fears with the problems in the San Francisco Police Department will be assuaged with John on the Commission. As a Deputy Public Defender and a San Francisco resident who truly desires equal enforcement of the laws upon everyone, regardless of race, class and sexuality, John Hamasaki is the best choice for the San Francisco Police Commission.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Tong", written over a horizontal line.

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**Cc:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** SF Police Commission-Robert Hirsch-Recommended by Eva Paterson

Season's Greetings,

San Francisco Supervisors are part of a wall of resistance to the madness that is abroad in the land. In the coming year, they will be moves at the federal level to reverse the progress elected officials and the community have made on improving relations between the police and the public. It is critical that the Police Commission be filled with enlightened individuals

Bob Hirsch would make an excellent addition to the Police Commission. I have known him for over 30 years and can say without reservation that he is a first rate person and protector of civil rights. In his law practice, he worked as an attorney with labor unions for over 35 years.

He is attuned to the issues facing communities of color. I have spent much time talking with Bob about a variety of civil rights issues and know that his heart and intellect are in synch with the way we all view the needs of our various communities.

For the past few years, he has been an award wining mediator. These skills will come in handy in dealing with the issues that come before the Police Commission.

At a time when there will be deep divisions between how SF and the federal government see the criminal justice system. a man with Bob's experience and commitment will be an invaluable asset to the people who live in San Francisco.

Take good care and stay strong in these perilous times.

Best,

Eva Paterson

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**Subject:** Recommendation of John Hamasaki for the San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Erin Elskes. I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I have resided in the Inner Richmond District of San Francisco for the last 11 years, and have worked in San Francisco as an immigration attorney for the last 7 years. As a representative for immigrants' rights, I have a strong interest in the Commission's leadership as it relates to ensuring just and compassionate enforcement of our laws for all residents of our city.

I have known John Hamasaki for 9 years, having studied law with him at the University of San Francisco School of Law. John is a passionate and determined advocate, and has dedicated his career to defending the civil rights and liberties of individuals facing criminal proceedings. He has tirelessly served under-represented and marginalized communities through *pro bono* work with the National Lawyers Guild, Project Legal Link, and the Bar Association of San Francisco. He is also an active leader in a number of organizations including the Asian American Bar Association, the Bar Association of San Francisco Barrister's Club, and the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. His experience and commitment to criminal justice advocacy give him a comprehensive and unique understanding of the effects that existing policies have on law enforcement and its relationship with our communities and our families.

John is an excellent choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He possesses a deep respect for law enforcement and for the challenging work our police officers perform every day. His extensive experience representing the rights of criminal defendants and diverse populations of our community will also allow him to work towards meaningful policy changes, to benefit both citizens and law enforcement alike. John's commitment to the people of San Francisco and his dedication to progress and reform are unquestionable. For these reasons, I highly recommend him for a position on the San Francisco Police Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions, or if you require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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ATTN: Derek K. Evans  
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Re: John Hamasaki  
San Francisco Police Commission

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I am a criminal defense lawyer in San Francisco. I am a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel, through which I represent indigent clients facing criminal charges in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. I also represent indigent clients on appeal and accept appointments from the First District Appellate Project, the Central California Appellate Project and the Sixth District Appellate Program. I have been active on the BASF indigent criminal defense panel and have practiced criminal defense in San Francisco for eleven years. I studied law at UC Hastings. While a law student, I worked as an intern at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office and at the California Attorney General's Office. As a law student and practicing attorney, I have worked with countless defense lawyers, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, judges, clients and members of the community. In this capacity, and as a 15-year resident of the City, raising a family in the Mission District, I am keenly aware of the importance of healing the divide between law enforcement and the community at large. As such, I have a strong interest in the Commission's leadership and strongly believe that John Hamasaki is an excellent choice for appointment to the Commission.

I became acquainted with Mr. Hamasaki approximately seven years ago, through our respective work on the BASF indigent defense panel. Since that time, we have worked on several cases together and consult with one another often. As such, I have gotten to know him professionally and personally. He has a tireless work ethic, strong leadership and conflict resolution skills, is dedicated to the pursuit of justice and civil

rights and genuinely cares about the well-being of our community, as demonstrated by his involvement and leadership in the Bar Association of San Francisco, the Asian American Bar Association, California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, the National Lawyers Guild and various other community organizations to which he devotes his time and energy.

Relatively recently, we acted as pro bono co-counsel for a young man charged with felony violations in a federal prosecution arising out of an online protest. There were 14-defendants in the case and twenty-four defense lawyers. Each defendant was facing significant prison time and several million dollars in restitution. Mr. Hamasaki worked relentlessly to digest and understand complex and voluminous discovery and legal issues, and emerged as a leader among the defense attorneys throughout months of strategy and negotiation. His efforts helped shepherd the group toward a global resolution of the case, which resulted in misdemeanor convictions for thirteen defendants and reasonable restitution orders for each. This was no small task, as competing interests frequently gave rise to disagreement and conflict among various defendants, defense counsel and the prosecution team. Through this process, and true to his nature, Mr. Hamasaki was consistently respectful of the process and the parties involved. His insight, leadership, even-keel approach to problem solving and ability to negotiate and diffuse conflict was invaluable to the team. I have no doubt that these same qualities and skills will be a great asset to the Police Commission. In that case and beyond, he has consistently demonstrated the utmost respect for the justice system, adverse parties, the court, and law enforcement and the diverse residents of our city.

Given his background as a criminal defense and civil rights lawyer, I believe that Mr. Hamasaki is uniquely situated to understand particular challenges police officers face and has valuable experience and insight into the at-times charged relationship between law enforcement and private citizens. His perspective will undoubtedly benefit the Commission when shaping policy and implementing directives. His intelligence, work ethic, temperament and interpersonal skills will enable him to be an effective leader, to resolve conflict and to help build a relationship of trust and between our community and SFPD. His investment in the community as a civic leader is clear. I believe that investment is motivated by his commitment to justice and civil rights and a personal desire to give back to and better our city, as a long-term resident and father. For all of the above reasons, I strongly support his appointment to the Police Commission.

Sincerely,

/s/ Suzanne M. Morris

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Re: Letter of Support for John Hamasaki's Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jesse A. Arana. I am writing in support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am the owner of the Law Offices of Jesse A. Arana, located in Downey, C.A. Prior to doing criminal defense I was a prosecutor with the Ventura County District Attorney's Office. I was a San Francisco resident for 3 years while attending the University of San Francisco Law School. In addition to owning my own practice/business I am also heavily involved with Kiwanis, the Mexican American Bar Association, Criminal Courts Bar Association of Los Angeles, and am a board member of the Southeast District Bar Association.

As a member of the criminal justice system and first generation Salvadorian-American, I have a strong interest in the commission's leadership as it relates to unjustified detention/arrests and excessive use of police force against minorities. As such, I strongly urge the board to appoint John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. His wealth of knowledge and life experience will add invaluable insight on how the San Francisco Police Department may improve.

Respectfully,



Jesse A. Arana, Esq.  
Attorney at Law

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## By Email

Dear Supervisors:

I write to offer my enthusiastic endorsement of John Hamasaki for the San Francisco Police Commission.


I have come to know John well since we first became acquainted through various public service projects in 2012. In the time that I have known John I have only become more impressed with his sophisticated perspective on modern policing. And of course, I am not alone in this: John also has the well-earned support of the community.

John is a leader who will serve the Police Commission diligently, thoughtfully, faithfully and compassionately. He is the ideal candidate to honor the example set by Judge Hwang.

It is rare for me to publicly endorse a candidate for office. John inspires that trust from me. I am confident he will inspire it from you, as well.

There is no doubt in my mind that John is the right person for this vital position.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey King

December 1, 2016

Derek K. Evans  
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Re: Letter of Support of Appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Mr. John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I am privileged to know and work with Mr. Hamaski and believe he is the best candidate to work with the San Francisco Police Department to strengthen our commission, our neighborhoods and our City.

My name is Natascha Ryan Fastabend and I am a native Northern Californian. I was born and raised in the East Bay but have called San Francisco my "home" for over twelve years. I received my JD degree from Golden Gate University School of Law (GGU) and my LL.M. in Tax degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law (USF). I am a California licensed attorney and currently serve as the Associate Director of USF's Graduate Tax Program and teach as an adjunct professor. Additionally, I am active throughout the San Francisco community. I serve as a Board Member (and incoming Treasurer) of the Bar Association of San Francisco's Barristers Club (BASF), Vice-Chair of the Barrister's Tax Section, member of the San Francisco Tax Club and Bay Area Young Tax Lawyers group.

As a longtime resident of San Francisco, I understand the unique challenges our police men and women on face on a daily basis. I have seen first-hand the positive impact our Police Department's commitment to community policing and community involvement has had on our city. I believe Mr. Hamasaki's strong ties and commitment to the community will make him an ideal community ambassador and advocate for advancing the Commission's goals of increasing the bond between the people and police of San Francisco.

Over the last year I have had the pleasure of working alongside Mr. Hamasaki as a Board Member of BASF's Barristers Club. From day one I was impressed with his passion for serving the underrepresented communities of San Francisco. Though his work with both the Barristers Club and the Justice and Diversity Center, Mr. Hamasaki has demonstrated his devotion to protecting those communities most in need. Not only does Mr. Hamasaki run his own practice, practicing civil rights and criminal defense, he is also an active member of the Asian American Bar Association (AABA) and the USF law school alumni community, his alma mater.

I am honored to call Mr. Hamasaki a colleague and a friend and truly believe his perseverance in creating a more diverse and inclusive community makes him an excellent candidate to the Commission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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December 5, 2016

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

My name is Denise Grab. I am writing to support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission. I have been a resident of San Francisco for over five years, and I am in the fourth generation of my family to live in San Francisco. I am an attorney, working in a think tank and advocacy organization on environmental and energy law and policy.

I first met John Hamasaki in 2011, when we began volunteering together through the Bar Association of San Francisco's mock trial program. We worked together for years coaching students from the Bayview's College Track program, who would be the first in their family to attend college. Mock trial is a competition similar to speech and debate, where high school students are given a hypothetical criminal case file and present a trial of the case before real attorneys and judges.

John has worked tirelessly over the years to help these high school students develop their public speaking skills, critical reasoning, self-confidence, and understanding of and appreciation for the justice system. A number of the students have gone on to major in policy- and law-related subjects in college, and some have even indicated that they plan to attend law school. I am sure that this is in no small part due to John's tremendous enthusiasm for the legal system and ability to inspire those around him to understand the importance of that system to protect both society at large and the rights of individuals.

John is a defense attorney by trade. In contrast, I grew up in a family of prosecutors. Both of my parents were Deputy Attorneys General representing the State of California in criminal appeals, and I interned with the environmental crimes section of the U.S. Department of Justice while in law school. Though I often view our mock trial cases through more of a prosecutorial lens than John, I have always found him to be fair and impartial when describing the legal issues involved to the students. He understands and objectively presents both the prosecution's and the defense's perspective to the students. I am confident that he would be similarly objective in his role on the Police Commission.

As a San Franciscan, I am glad that the Police Commission now exists to help rebuild trust between our communities and our police officers. John Hamasaki would be a wonderful addition to the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Denise A. Grab', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Denise A. Grab

Amanda Schapel  
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San Francisco, CA 94110  
aschapel@gmail.com

December 7, 2016

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to support John Hamasaki's candidacy for member of the San Francisco Police Commission. I live in the Mission District and have been a San Francisco resident for six years. I currently work as an attorney for the Social Security Administration. I am a former Member of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and I served on the board of directors for the AIDS Legal Referral Panel for four years. I see San Francisco police working hard and being engaged in the community. But I am also gravely concerned by recent incidents of officer-involved killings that have left many mourning and hurting in my neighborhood. I support John because he will work hard to help restore trust in SFPD.

I know John because we volunteered together with the College Track mock trial program. The Bar Association of San Francisco's Justice & Diversity Center runs a mock trial program for San Francisco high school students. John helped to establish a team associated with the nonprofit College Track, which is based in the Bayview and helps students from underserved communities. The students John coached were facing all kinds of challenges. Undocumented status, the foster care system, discrimination, underfunded schools, lack of support. John spent many hours with the students—teaching them about the criminal justice system, challenging them to think critically, and inspiring them with his own passion for lawyering.

John's volunteer coaching demonstrates his commitment to work for positive change in the community. Many of the students John coached are now the first in their families to go to college. They had the chance to put on a suit and argue in a real courtroom, and John was there to cheer them on. That kind of work takes time but it makes a big difference. John cares and he will do the work, and that is why I urge you to appoint John to the Police Commission.

Sincerely,

Amanda Schapel



## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 4:12 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: John Hamasaki's Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

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From: steven rease [mailto:reasecriminaldefense@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 3:14 PM  
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
Cc: John Hamasaki <john@hamasakilaw.com>  
Subject: John Hamasaki's Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Board of Supervisors:

It is with great pleasure and without reservation that I welcome this opportunity to recommend to you that you appoint John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I have known John for several years through our mutual volunteer work with California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ). CACJ is California's leading voice on criminal justice issues from the perspective of the criminal defense bar. Our organization has over 100 members statewide and I am proud to say that John is one of them.

John is a thoughtful, dedicated, bright and hard working attorney. In my dealings with him through CACJ I have seen his skills concerning legal issues that would undoubtedly come before the Police Commission. John would bring a clear, compassionate and concerned voice to the Commission and the public for which it serves.

John's many years as a criminal defense attorney will also bring to the Commission an important perspective on the issues that will be of great value to the work before the Commission and allow it to perhaps have a better understanding of those issues.

I have been a criminal defense attorney since 1980. Currently I am Vice-President of CACJ. I am also the Co-Chairperson of CACJ's Legislation Committee which plays an active role in the Legislative branch of California government.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of John Hamaski's appointment to the Police Commission. Please fee free to contact me if you have any questions.

Steven J. Rease  
Attorney at Law  
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Salinas, CA 93901  
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# SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC DEFENDER

JEFF ADACHI – PUBLIC DEFENDER  
MATT GONZALEZ – CHIEF ATTORNEY



December 9, 2016

## San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Board.of.Supervisors@sfgov.org

*Via Email*

### Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission

Dear San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an attorney and an individual who is dedicated to serving the diverse communities of San Francisco in the criminal justice system. John has dedicated his career to defending civil rights and civil liberties, giving voice to those who need it most. Through this work, John has maintained close working relationships with the courts, prosecutors, public defenders and law enforcement, and has seen first-hand the challenges facing the Commission. I believe that this background, training, and experience makes him uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission.

I have served as elected Public Defender of the City and County of San Francisco since March 2002 and worked as a deputy public defender in San Francisco for 15 years. From 1998-2001, I served as the Chief Attorney of the office. I have been a critic of police misconduct and lack of accountability, and an enthusiastic supporter of police reform measures such as crisis intervention training and body cameras.

Our office represents more than 23,000 people each year who are charged with misdemeanor and felony offenses. Fair and honest policing is crucial to their right to impartial justice.

Like many people, I believe that the San Francisco Police Department can be a national model in policing and police reform. But I am also realistic that it is going to take hard work and difficult choices to get us there. I trust John to sit down with community members, law enforcement and service organizations to help heal the divide and restore trust and faith in our justice system.

John has an excellent reputation as a leader in the legal community, sitting on the boards of the Asian American Bar Association, the Barristers Club of the Bar Association of San Francisco, and the California Attorneys for Criminal Justice. He is also a member of the Legislative Committee of CACJ helping fight against mass incarceration and for a fairer criminal justice system. He has put on programs on race, policing and implicit bias in the legal system, topics that will inform and guide his work as a commissioner. John has focused much of his work in the legal associations advocating for diversity and inclusivity within the law.

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San Francisco, CA 94103  
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[www.sfpublicdefender.org](http://www.sfpublicdefender.org)

**Juvenile Division - YGC**

375 Woodside Avenue, Rm. 118  
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P: 415.753.7601  
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**Juvenile Division - JJC**

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San Francisco, CA 94116  
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**Clean Slate**

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**Community Justice Center**

P: 415.202.2832  
F: 415.563.8506

**Bayview Magic**

P: 415.558.2428  
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**MoMagic**

P: 415.567.0400  
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Respectfully,



Jeff Adachi  
San Francisco Public Defender

CC: Alisa.Somera@sfgov.org, Derek.Evans@sfgov.org, Dyanna.Quizon@sfgov.org, Nickolas.Pagoulatos@sfgov.org, Yoyo.Chan@sfgov.org, Brittini.Chicuata@sfgov.org, Frances.Hsieh@sfgov.org, Jeremy.Pollock@sfgov.org, Beth.Rubenstein@sfgov.org, AvalosStaff@sfgov.org, Samantha.Roxas@sfgov.org, Conor.Johnston@sfgov.org, Rosie.Dilger@sfgov.org, Hillary.Ronen@sfgov.org, sheila.chung.hagen@sfgov.org, Carolyn.Goossen@sfgov.org, Sunny.Angulo@sfgov.org, Connie.Chan@sfgov.org, Lee.Hepner@sfgov.org, Kanishka.Karunaratne@sfgov.org, Margaux.Kelly@sfgov.org, Jess.Montejano@sfgov.org, April.Veneracion@sfgov.org, Barbara.Lopez@sfgov.org, Ivy.Lee@sfgov.org, Adam.Taylor@sfgov.org, Jeff.Cretan@sfgov.org, Andres.Power@sfgov.org, Erica.Maybaum@sfgov.org, Jarlene.Choy@sfgov.org, Jen.Low@sfgov.org

December 9, 2016

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*Via Email*

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I currently sit on the SF Police Commission and know how important the policy issues are and how they affect all of our citizens. I also believe we need diversity of opinions on the commission as well as someone that works every day with the SF Police Department and understands how the department interacts with our citizens, especially our minority citizens. John has a different view of how the department operates in the field and understands how implicit bias affects the officers in many different neighborhoods.

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Respectfully,

*Petra DeJesus* \_\_\_\_\_

Petra DeJesus

\*SF Police Commissioner\*

\* For Identification Purposes Only



**Board of Supervisors  
City and County of San Francisco  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
(415) 554-5184 FAX (415) 554-5163**

**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Police Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): BoS appointment District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Julie D. Soo

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ San Francisco, CA Zip: 94114

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: attorney

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**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Resident of San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

I am a fourth-generation San Franciscan on my mother's side and second generation on my father's side. My late father was an immigrant from China via Taiwan and became a public sector civil engineer, first for the Bayview Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and subsequently for the majority of his career at the City's Department of Public Works, retiring as head of the Structural Section. My maternal grandmother spoke Cantonese and little English so I grew up with conversational ability in Cantonese. Whether with my maternal grandparents or parents, dinner discussions and activities revolved around community service and civic participation. I attended San Francisco public schools in Twin Peaks, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, and the Sunset. I am a life-long San Francisco resident (Twin Peaks area from age 3 - District 8), save a few years during college and graduate school. As a child born at the end of the Baby Boom generation, I grew up in the 1960s and 1970s before San Francisco was thought of as political districts and had the benefit of considering all neighborhoods as part of my community. Since adulthood, I have continuously served on boards of academic institutions or community-based organizations.

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Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment? Yes  No

Appointments confirmed by the Board of Supervisors require an appearance before the Rules Committee. Once your application is received, the Rules Committee Clerk will contact you when a hearing is scheduled. (Please submit your application 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)

Date: 11/28/16 Applicant's Signature: (required) Julie D. Soo

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_

**JULIE D. SOO**



**Julie D. Soo, Esq.**  
November 2016

**SUPPLEMENT to Police Commission Application**

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## **JULIE D. SOO**

### **SUPPLEMENT to Police Commission Application *Continued***

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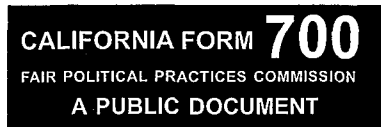
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I received a "Women Making History Award" in 2004 from the San Francisco Democratic Women's Forum. I am a 2012 recipient of the Filipina Women's Network "Vagina Warrior Award" and the 2013 recipient of the Asian Women's Resource Center's "Outstanding Giving Back Award" for my work in fostering culturally and linguistically competent services for families affected by domestic violence and human trafficking. In 2015, I received a "Best Community Leader Award" from the Korean American Journalists Association for my work with the Comfort Women Justice Coalition in bringing recognition of comfort women as part of mainstream WWII history and in advancing a permanent memorial in San Francisco, which ultimately received unanimous support through a resolution by the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor.

I recently completed a collaboration on a documentary film on the 14th Amendment and birthright citizenship, "14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez," and have gone on to speak at film screenings about "United States v. Wong Kim Ark," the 1898 case wherein the United States Supreme Court articulated the term "birthright citizenship" in its interpretation of the 14th Amendment; the Chinese Exclusion Act; and, the historic exploitation of immigrants. My prior work as a board member of the Chinese Historical Society of America has enhanced my ability to engage audiences in discussions about history and current policy issues.

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# STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

## COVER PAGE

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Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)  
Soo, Julie Diane

### 1. Office, Agency, or Court

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

City and County of San Francisco

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable

Your Position

Status of Women Commission on the

Commissioner

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)

State

Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)

Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_

County of San Francisco

City of San Francisco

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)

Annual: The period covered is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015

Leaving Office: Date Left \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
(Check one)

-or-

The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through December 31, 2015

The period covered is January 1, 2015, through the date of leaving office.

Assuming Office: Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.

Candidate: Election Year \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Schedule Summary (must complete) ► Total number of pages including this cover page: 2

#### Schedules attached

Schedule A-1 - Investments - schedule attached

Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions - schedule attached

Schedule A-2 - Investments - schedule attached

Schedule D - Income - Gifts - schedule attached

Schedule B - Real Property - schedule attached

Schedule E - Income - Gifts - Travel Payments - schedule attached

-or-

None - No reportable interests on any schedule

### 5. Verification

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)

San Francisco CA 94102

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed 03/25/2016  
(month, day, year)

Signature Julie Diane Soo  
(File the originally signed statement with your filing official.)

# SCHEDULE A-1 Investments

**CALIFORNIA FORM 700**  
FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name  
Soo, Julie Diane

## Stocks, Bonds, and Other Interests (Ownership Interest is Less Than 10%)

Do not attach brokerage or financial statements.

▶ NAME OF BUSINESS ENTITY  
Pacific Gas & Electric

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS  
utilities

FAIR MARKET VALUE  
 \$2,000 - \$10,000       \$10,001 - \$100,000  
 \$100,001 - \$1,000,000       Over \$1,000,000

NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Stock       Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Describe)  
 Partnership       Income Received of \$0 - \$499  
 Income Received of \$500 or More (Report on Schedule C)

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## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Sandy Mori <sandymori118@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 6:23 AM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek; angela.cavillo@sfgov.org  
**Subject:** Rules Committee

Hi Katy, Eric, and Malia: I'm submitting this support letter for Julie Soo, who is applying for an appt to the SF Police Commission and may be appearing at your Dec 8th Rules Committee. As a native San Franciscan and recognized leader in the Bay Area Asian American community, Julie has dedicated her professional and community involvement in the areas of civil rights, domestic violence, human trafficking, senior and immigrant services, and health access. I have known Julie for over 10 years with her volunteer work with the local Democratic clubs and the California Democratic Party. She will be an asset to the SF Police Commission with her legal expertise, knowledge of community needs, and ability to speak/articulate on policy issues coming before the Commission. I strongly urge you to forward her name to the full Board for this appointment. Thank you for all of your work on the Rules Committee. Warm regards, Sandy Mori

Sent from my iPhone

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Harry Low <harrylowjudge@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 12:04 PM  
**To:** Katy.Tang@sf.gov  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek; Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** SF Police Commission

Supervisor Katy Tang,  
Rules Committee Chair  
City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca.

re: Julie Soo for Police Commission

Dear Katy,

I strongly support Julie Soo for appointment to the SF Police Commission.

I have known Julie for more than 25 years and have followed her distinguished career as a journalist, Insurance Commission Attorney, Civil Rights advocate and community activist in law, health and politics. Julie has excelled in all the variety of activities she has undertaken.

Julie worked with me when I was California Insurance Commissioner (2000 to 2003) where she was an excellent attorney. As President of the SF Police Commission (1992 to 1996), I know that Julie's background will contribute much to the Police Commission. I have worked with her on many community projects including the outstanding work she had\ done with the Chinese Historical Society of America.

Kindly give Julie your favorable consideration. I would be happy to respond to any questions you have about Julie's candidacy

Very sincerely,

Justice Harry W. Low (ret.)

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Betty Yee <betty@bettyyee.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 03, 2016 9:09 PM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek; Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** Recommendation: Appointment of Ms. Julie Soo to the San Francisco Police Commission

Honorable Katy Tang, Chair  
Rules Committee, San Francisco Board of Supervisors San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Supervisor Tang:

I am pleased to submit my recommendation in support of Ms. Julie Soo's application for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I have known Julie for over 20 years through our professional work, community work, and shared experiences as alumni of Lowell High School in San Francisco. I can attest without any reservation to Julie's commitment to fairness, being sure the perspectives of all communities and parties are heard and considered before decisions are made. She has demonstrated this in, among many capacities, her current position as Senior Staff Counsel with the California Department of Insurance, prosecuting enforcement cases; her service on the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women in establishing policies to address violence against women that included working with the San Francisco Police Commission on responses to domestic and family violence; her leadership as co-chair of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, working with state and federal agencies; and her service on the Board of Trustees for Saint Francis Memorial Hospital examining health services in diverse communities including immigrants and the homeless.

One of the many things I admire about Julie is her understanding of how history can inform current policies. Her work with the Chinese Historical Society has focused and contributed much to the understanding of the immigrant experience not just for the Chinese American community, but for all communities. It is the study and understanding of others' narratives that has, in part, informed Julie's work to ensure civil and criminal justice.

Julie has tremendous respect for the rule of law and has received numerous citations in recognition of her legal acumen. She has served as an arbitrator and conducted one of the first national hate crime audits under the auspices of the Asian Law Caucus. Julie possesses the skills and temperament to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission.

Lastly, as a native San Franciscan, an active community leader, and an accomplished professional attorney, Julie is very familiar with the operations of the City and County of San Francisco and can hit the ground running upon appointment.

For all of the reasons stated above, I wholeheartedly recommend Julie Soo for appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any further information you need.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Betty T. Yee  
California State Controller  
Office: (916) 445-2636

Sent from my iPad

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Anni Chung <annic@selfhelpelderly.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 3:59 PM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek; Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** support Julie Soo for Police Commission

Dear Katy:

I'm writing to support Julie Soo's nomination to the SF Police Commission. I have worked with Julie since she started working at the Dept. of Insurance. We also served on various community boards and committees such as PAAWBAC, Commission on Status of Women, Chinese Historical Society, etc. so I know Julie quite well. She is a very active and dedicated member in our community and is articulate and often speaks up on issues impacting our community such as human trafficking, public safety, civic and cultural affairs, women's and minority rights, and many others. She will make an excellent Police Commissioner, providing representation and a voice for the 34% AAPI population in San Francisco.

I urge you to support Julie Soo's confirmation for the Police Commission. Thank you!

Anni Chung  
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**Anni Chung**  
**President & CEO**



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**Christopher Chow**  
379 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94118

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December 6, 2016

Hon. Katy Tang, Chair, Rules Committee  
Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Cc: Hon. Eric Mar (District 1), Hon. Malia Cohen (District 10)

Dear Supervisor Tang,

My name is Christopher Chow. I am a lifelong San Franciscan who lives and works in our great city. My wife Mary and I own and operate a small business, Chow Associates, a job and immigration services agency with offices in Chinatown and the Richmond District. Our son studies at a public high school. I was the first Asian American television news reporter in San Francisco (KPIX, 1970), the first Commission Secretary and Public Outreach Coordinator for the Commission and Department of the Environment (1997), and a former Director of the Richmond Village Beacon Youth Center (2006).

As a colleague and ally on many issues for more than 20 years, I strongly Ms. Julie D. Soo to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission.

Julie Soo is a civic-minded, community-based public servant who cares a great deal about protecting the people of San Francisco, and the people who come to San Francisco, from violence, crime and injustice. She cares deeply for the rule of law, equal justice under the law, and equal access to the law by the people it is dedicated to serve.

As a fourth-generation San Franciscan she has grown up with a multicultural perspective, witnessed, experienced and participated in the demographic, social and political changes of San Francisco in the last 40 years, arguably the most aspirational, conscientious, contentious, and accomplished justice-seeking period in our history. In the most recent past two years our City, state and nation have been rocked by issues and controversies in community and police relations and interactions, most acutely concerning officer-involved shootings of civilians. Our Police Commission is tasked with setting policy and providing guidance and support to the men and women who serve to protect us from violence and injustice. It is tasked to do so in a climate of increasingly bitter divisiveness among parts of our community. It is a huge task made more difficult by the diversity and disparities of our society. Thus it is important to empower the Commission with members who have the skills, knowledge, experience and dedication to carry out their responsibilities.

Julie D. Soo, J.D., is one such person who should be appointed to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission.



**Julie Soo is well qualified, well-equipped and well-grounded to contribute to the Police Commission's role in guiding the San Francisco Police Department to protect and serve the people of San Francisco. Her professional career and public service to boards, commissions and ad hoc groups are clear and substantial evidence of that.**

**She is an attorney with experience in enforcing the state's insurance laws and regulations and in outreaching to racial, linguistic and cultural minority populations of California. Upon receiving her law degree she became a public arbitrator for the Financial Regulatory Authority (FINRA is a non-governmental, non-profit, independent organization authorized by Congress to protect America's investors by making sure the securities industry (firms, agents, brokers, etc., ) operates fairly and honestly. This required her to listen to all sides and weigh the facts in light of the rules. In her current position as senior staff counsel for the California Department of Insurance, she has helped to protect consumers and businesses by prosecuting perpetrators of insurance fraud and other violations and advising the Insurance Department on culturally-appropriate and linguistic public outreach and education. These responsibilities required someone with investigatory, mediation and enforcement skills - skills and experience that would serve someone well on the Police Commission. Ms. Soo has met these requirements outstandingly.**

**Julie Soo is a former journalist with Asian Week and film producer collaborating on the film , "14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez," connecting the importance and relevance of the Fourteenth Amendment and the concept of birthright citizenship to the present day. This demonstrates her commitment to and abilities in educating the public about important issues.**

**As a former president of the San Francisco Commission on the Status Women Ms. Soo led that body in promoting gender equity in the workplace and addressing violence against women. At her request the Commission on the Status of Women held a joint meeting with the Police Commission to shed light on San Francisco's response to domestic and family violence, including the new JUSTIS computer case management system, data collection, and language assistance for victims. This is evidence of her leadership, her collegiality and effectiveness.**

**Julie Soo's public service most recently and relevantly has focused on work against violence and human trafficking. In 2013 the Asian Women's Resource Center gave her the "Outstanding Giving Back Award" for promoting cultural and linguistic services to families affected by domestic violence and human trafficking. In 2014 she helped to convene a conference on "Exploring the Hidden Epidemic of Human Trafficking" as a co-chair of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking. In 2015, the Korean American Journalists Association bestowed a "Best Community Leader Award" for her work with the Comfort Women Justice Coalition in recognizing the injustices against comfort women (civilian Asian women forced into sexual slavery) as part of mainstream World War II history in the public schools. With her help, the Justice Coalition gained a unanimous resolution by the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for a permanent memorial in San Francisco.**

**Ms. Soo's public service record is well-rounded. She has served as a legislative aide and advisor to members of the Board of Supervisors working on such matters as the . She is a board**

member of the Chinese Historical Society of America and has served on National Asian Pacific American Bar Association's Civil Rights Committee, the Board of Trustees for Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, the board of the Asian Law Caucus (now Asian Americans Advancing Justice), and the Insurance Commissioner's Health Care Task Force.

Julie Soo would be a valuable and effective member of the San Francisco Police Commission with her community credibility, public service experience and collaborative accomplishments. Her experience and expertise in community outreach and her ability to converse in Chinese would be efficacious assets to the Commission as it continues to engage and communicate with the various constituencies of our San Francisco community.

Her passion for justice and safety under the law is an admirable quality that would serve our San Francisco Police Commission well.

Please appoint Ms. Julie D. Soo to the San Francisco Police Commission as soon as possible.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Chow", written in a cursive style.

Christopher Chow

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December 6, 2016

Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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[Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org](mailto:Eric.L.Mar@sfgov.org)

[Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:Malia.Cohen@sfgov.org)

*Via Email*

## **Re: In support of the appointment of John Hamasaki to the Police Commission**

Dear Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of John Hamasaki's application to serve on the San Francisco Police Commission. I know John as an attorney dedicated to serving a diverse community and believe that he is uniquely qualified to serve on the Commission based on his background, training and experience.

I am an immigration attorney in private practice and have been based in the San Francisco Bay Area for the past ten years. I recently moved my law office to San Mateo but continue to represent many corporate and individual clients based in San Francisco. I represent immigrants from a wide range of backgrounds including the fortunate ones who come to the U.S. to utilize their talents and resources to pursue educational, professional, and entrepreneurial opportunities, and the more vulnerable ones who are escaping poverty, violence, or persecution in their home countries. As an immigration attorney, I have the upmost respect for San Francisco and the protections the City has given to its undocumented immigrant residents and realize that it will take even more resolve for San Francisco to retain its humanitarian policies as it comes under attack as a sanctuary city by the new President-Elect and his new administration. For this reason, I believe that it is more important now than ever to have members of the Police Commission who can set humane policies and ensure that the San Francisco Police Department protect all residents of San Francisco, including the undocumented population, as well as not overstepping its boundaries in prosecuting this population by turning undocumented individuals over to the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, leading to families and communities being torn apart.

Like many people, I would like to see San Francisco work together with the Commission and the Police Department to ensure that we have a model police department. I think that this is only possible by asking difficult questions and opening up dialogue. I believe that John's background and experience dealing with law enforcement and policing issues makes him the ideal candidate. He is someone who is well-respected throughout the legal community.

I first became acquainted with John in 2010 while we were both volunteering for a pro bono legal clinic for the Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach (APILO), a San Francisco based non-profit organization that serves the immigrant and other underrepresented communities, especially focusing on highly sensitive cases involving domestic violence, victims of crime, and human trafficking. John and I subsequently also came to serve together on the Board of Directors for the Asian America Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area.

John has an excellent reputation within the API community for his work promoting civil rights and social justice causes. Some of the issues he has recently worked on have been discussions on the intersection of race and policing and the API experience in the courtroom. John is also well-known for his dedication to the API community through his work representing individuals facing prosecution in criminal courts throughout the Bay Area.

As an attorney who has dedicated his practice to representing individuals facing prosecution in the courts throughout the Bay Area, John is well-known within the criminal justice world and has an excellent reputation for hard work, dedication, and compassion for his clients and all of the people within the justice system.

John has remained engaged civically and in his community as long as I have known him. He is committed to criminal justice advocacy and reform and has an understanding of the effects that policies have on law enforcement, our communities, and our families. He respects our police officers and the difficulty of the work they do. Given today's climate, I think it is important to note that John wants to help heal the very real divide between law enforcement and the communities they serve through meaningful policy changes. I know that if appointed to the San Francisco Police Commission, he will bring to it his value set and commitment to the people of San Francisco.

I believe that John Hamasaki is the right choice for the San Francisco Police Commission. He is dedicated to progress and reform and will always ask himself what is right for the people of our City.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Lee".

Jennifer Y. Lee, Esq.

cc: Dyanna.Quizon@sfgov.org; Nicolas.Pagoulatos@sfgov.org; Yoyo.Chan@sfgov.org;  
Brittni.Chicuata@sfgov.org; Derek.Evans@sfgov.org



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December 6, 2016

From: Michael Wong  
"Comfort Women" Justice Coalition

To: Supervisor Katy Tang  
Members of the Rules Committee

I am writing today to support the application to the Police Commission of Julie D. Soo. Julie Soo is a well known leader in the Asian, women, and civil rights communities, who has worked tirelessly for justice for all communities in San Francisco. Her work as a journalist for AsianWeek and New America Media, a legislative aide to members of the Board of Supervisors, a lawyer with the Asian Law Caucus (now named Advancing Justice – San Francisco), past president and present member of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women, and her work with the "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition are just a small part of her overall record of service to the San Francisco community.

I urge the Rules Committee to vote to appoint Julie D. Soo to the Police Commission.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Wong, MSW  
Executive Committee, "Comfort Women" Justice Coalition  
Outreach Coordinator, Veterans for Peace San Francisco chapter #69  
[mikevfp69@gmail.com](mailto:mikevfp69@gmail.com)

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Wilson Chu <wilsonchu98@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 07, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** SF Police Commission - Letter of Recommendation for Julie Soo

Dear Supervisor Tang, Supervisor Cohen, and Supervisor Mar,

We are writing this email to strongly support the recommendation and appointment of Commissioner Julie Soo to the SF Police Commission. The Chinese American Democratic Club feels it is imperative to have a police commissioner that has proved they understand the issues within the Asian American communities in San Francisco. Julie works tirelessly for the community, whether it is serving as a board member at the Chinese Historical Society or collaborating on the documentary "14: Dred Scott, Wong Kim Ark & Vanessa Lopez". Her activism puts her in a unique situation where she has developed relationships with Asian American leaders and Asian American organizations that can affect change. The relationships that Julie has natured will be an invaluable asset to the Police Commission.

Julie's civic activities are not limited to Asian American causes. She also brings relationships and expertise developed through her volunteerism with the California Democratic Party Executive Board, SF Commission on the Status of Women, and Board of Trustees for Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. Julie's body of work reflects the idea that we are all part of a greater whole. And in order for San Francisco to move forward, Julie understands the well being of individual communities must be addressed.

We have also found that Julie sets the bar high. When confronted with issues, she does not develop solutions for the slim majority but rather she is concerned with solutions that will satisfy all constituencies. She is dedicated to justice, and will roll up her sleeves to do the heavy lifting. In working with Julie over the years, we have found these intrinsic qualities to be true. Very few individuals possess these qualities, and we believe the Rules Committee should not let Julie's candidacy for the Police Commission escape your grasp.

Julie is intellectually dedicated, and works tirelessly at the grassroots level as her commitment to service. We urge you to recommend Julie Soo to the full Board as the next police commissioner of San Francisco.□\_

Regards,

Wilson Chu  
President  
Chinese American Democratic Club

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 4:12 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** FW: John Hamasaki's Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

-----Original Message-----

From: steven rease [mailto:reasecriminaldefense@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 3:14 PM  
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
Cc: John Hamasaki <john@hamasakilaw.com>  
Subject: John Hamasaki's Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

Dear Board of Supervisors:

It is with great pleasure and without reservation that I welcome this opportunity to recommend to you that you appoint John Hamasaki to the San Francisco Police Commission.

I have known John for several years through our mutual volunteer work with California Attorneys for Criminal Justice (CACJ). CACJ is California's leading voice on criminal justice issues from the perspective of the criminal defense bar. Our organization has over 100 members statewide and I am proud to say that John is one of them.

John is a thoughtful, dedicated, bright and hard working attorney. In my dealings with him through CACJ I have seen his skills concerning legal issues that would undoubtedly come before the Police Commission. John would bring a clear, compassionate and concerned voice to the Commission and the public for which it serves.

John's many years as a criminal defense attorney will also bring to the Commission an important perspective on the issues that will be of great value to the work before the Commission and allow it to perhaps have a better understanding of those issues.

I have been a criminal defense attorney since 1980. Currently I am Vice-President of CACJ. I am also the Co-Chairperson of CACJ's Legislation Committee which plays an active role in the Legislative branch of California government.

I thank you for the opportunity to speak to you on behalf of John Hamaski's appointment to the Police Commission. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Steven J. Rease  
Attorney at Law  
150 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 4  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: (831) 204-0888  
Fax: (831) 422-9913

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** M Mondejar <marily@filipinawomensnetwork.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 9:48 AM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS); Cohen, Malia (BOS); Mar, Eric (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek; jdssfдем@yahoo.com; Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** Support for Julie Soo's appointment to the Police Commission

Dear Supervisors Tang, Cohen and Mar,

Good morning!

I write in full support of Julie Soo's appointment to the Police Commission.

It is important that all communities are represented in the Police Commission reflecting the diverse population of San Francisco. Julie Soo will ably represent the Asian American community. She has deep roots in San Francisco: a life-long resident who understands the issues in our great City and a fourth-generation San Franciscan who is very knowledgeable about the API community's struggles and concerns.

I have known Julie Soo for many years as a partner in our fight in ending violence against women. She has joined the Filipina Women's Network, an organization I founded and currently serve as CEO, as we court-watched cases involving domestic violence homicides and human trafficking rescues and advocacy. During my 10-year tenure as president of the Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women, she worked with my board side-by-side on hate crimes projects, civil rights education, development of gender equity principles and community health advocacy initiatives.

Julie Soo brings with her the leadership temperament, legal experience and community history that are most valuable in being an effective commissioner in the Police Commission.

I ask for your vote in confirming her appointment.

PS: I apologize for not being there personally to vouch for her credentials as I am indisposed and cannot make it to the City Hall to provide personal support.

Thank you and Kind regards,  
Marily

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**Subject:** NOMINATION TO POLICE COMMISSION, JULIE SOO/DEC 8 RULES COMM. HEARING  
**From:** Caryl Ito (carylito@aol.com)  
**To:** carylito@aol.com;  
**Cc:** jdssfdem@yahoo.com;  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2016 10:08 AM

Dear Supervisor,

I am sending you this email to strongly support Julie Soo's application to be considered for appointment to the SF Police Commission. I have known and worked with Julie on various community related issues over 20 years and have strongly believed in her leadership qualities to recommend her for other important positions such as the Commission on the Status of Women(which I served for 4 Mayors over 9 years) and the Saint Francis Hospital Board.(I served also for 10 years)

Being a fourth generation San Franciscan, Julie has displayed outstanding commitment to participate in our City's quality of life issues as well as matters of equity in terms of our City's service to our communities of color, and those who's first language may not be English. Both issues critical for a Police Commissioner to be sensitive to and have concrete experience in dealing with such issues. She has taken leadership roles in her advocacy for improved response to Domestic Violence case as well as the ongoing critical issue of Human Trafficking.

As a trained attorney and her life experiences in our community, Julie has displayed balance and meaningful, evaluative thought in her decision making. Her journalism work also gave her hands on experience to get to the FACTS and report as accurately as her efforts have afforded. At this time of our City, it is absolutely critical for this appointment to be of a person who is trusted and has a commitment to move the Dept forward with the proposed changes they are challenged with.

I am strongly asking your consideration to support Julie for this critical appointment for our City's well being and progress to heal the divide between the Police Dept and our communities.

Warmest regards,

Caryl Ito  
Bozeman & Associates  
415:334-6759, fax 415:334-3048

**Subject:** Recommending Julie Soo for Police Commission  
**From:** Julie Tang (julieatang@gmail.com)  
**To:** katy.tang@sfgov.org;  
**Cc:** eric.mar@sfgov.org; lilliansing@gmail.com; malia.cohen@sfgov.org;  
**Bcc:** jdssfdem@yahoo.com;  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 4:26 PM

Dear Supervisor Tang:

We are writing this email to strongly support the recommendation and appointment of Commissioner Julie Soo to the SF Police Commission. We are so fortunate to have someone of Julie's caliber and social conscience willing to serve in the capacity of Police Commissioner.

We do not need to reiterate her professional experience, community involvement and numerous awards and accolades that she has received throughout her professional life. We will make several pertinent points that make her the only and best choice for the job of police commissioner.

Julie is one of the most honest, straightforward and compassionate public servant we have met. She is an outspoken advocate for all people especially the underprivileged. She is clear headed, judicious when it comes to controversies and makes the right call in rendering justice and fairness. The police commission requires just the kind of person Julie represents.

San Francisco has a very diverse population and the interchange between the community and men and women who walk the beats in the streets of San Francisco can be volatile. We believe Julie understands those dynamics and can handle the difficult job of a police commissioner very well.

We urge you to recommend Julie Soo to the full Board as the next police commissioner of San Francisco.

Yours truly,

Julie Tang and Lillian Sing

## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Steven Lee <steven.lee.ventures@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2016 5:38 AM  
**To:** Tang, Katy (BOS)  
**Cc:** Evans, Derek; Calvillo, Angela (BOS)  
**Subject:** Julie Soo for San Francisco Police Commissioner

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
RULES COMMITTEE  
Supervisor Katy Tang - Chair

Dear Supervisor Tang,

I am writing this letter in support of Julie Soo Esq, to become the next Commissioner on the San Francisco Police Commission. I have know Julie for 15 years from the world of non-profit community service and knowledge of her work experiences on cases for the California Department of Insurance. Her work as a volunteered in a variety of community causes, including hate crimes projects, and civil rights education are good assets to have on the Police Commission. Her work serving on the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women was also well recognized. Julie is all about Public Service.

I feel to be a Commissioner on the San Francisco Police Commission during these times of transparency and reforms is not going to be easy. To balance what one's thinks is the proper decision to be made but is politically challenged can be very stressful. As a fourth generation Asian American who is well educated past racial animosity and discrimination, but also experienced trial lawyer in State policy enforcement in her everyday job. Julie Soo can handle this stress and stick to what she believe is the right thing to do without prejudice.

Julie Soo is a good fit to handle these types of decisions and will stick to what she believes is fair for the general public and the SFPD. Please considered Julie Soo to be our next Commissioner of the Police Commission. I feel she is a good choice.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Truly,

Steven Lee  
Entertainment Commissioner  
Industry Seat 2

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## Evans, Derek

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**From:** Alvin Louie <lionalvinlouie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2016 12:56 PM  
**To:** Evans, Derek  
**Subject:** Police Commissioner Julie Soo

Dear Derek Evans

I am Alvin Louie a native born San Franciscan and have lived here all my life.

I worked for the City and County of San Francisco for 34 years. I worked in the County Jail of San Francisco for almost 9 years as a Deputy Sheriff.

I worked the remaining 25 years as a police officer with the San Francisco Police Department.

I have been a Restaurant business owner for 15 years in San Francisco.

I have been actively involved in community service with the Lions Club in San Francisco for 18 years.

A dear friend of mine Julie Soo is running for the position of Police Commissioner. I have known Julie for over eight years.

We are both supporters of many non profit and community causes.

With her achievements, resume and my personal knowledge of her skills. I believe she is very capable and responsible enough to handle any position in City Government and most businesses.

It's not just the qualifications she has it's her passion to serve and her compassion towards others.

She would make a great commissioner because she is fair, balanced and objective. She is very intelligent and has a wide range of experiences.

She is a native of this city giving her an embedded historical perspective of the diverse community that makes up San Francisco. That's a perspective very few in the world can enjoy.

Public safety is paramount and first in every citizen's mind. A strong and effective Police department will instill the confidence citizens need to feel their community is safe and protected. A level of service which is empathic and compassionate towards everyone.

She is vested in making this city great by ensuring the city gets the best police department our community can provide.

I understand the many dimensions of police work through my service and experience.

We need to choose commissioners who have the right temperament in these current times. Someone who could look at things objectively and not with a media bias.

Julie is the right fit for the right job.

Thank you for considering her for the position. I completely endorse and support Julie.

Alvin Louie



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**Application for Boards, Commissions, Committees, & Task Forces**

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, or Task Force: Police Commission

Seat # or Category (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Bill Ong Hing

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: 94116

Home Phone: 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: Law Professor

Work Phone: 415-846-2122 Employer: USF Law School

Business Address: 2199 Fulton Street Zip: 94117

Business E-Mail: bhing@usfca.edu Home E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(2), Boards and Commissions established by the Charter must consist of electors (registered voters) of the City and County of San Francisco. For certain other bodies, the Board of Supervisors can waive the residency requirement.**

Check All That Apply:

Resident of San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, place of residence: \_\_\_\_\_

Registered Voter in San Francisco: Yes  No  If No, where registered: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(a)(1), please state how your qualifications represent the communities of interest, neighborhoods, and the diversity in ethnicity, race, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, types of disabilities, and any other relevant demographic qualities of the City and County of San Francisco:**

I have been committed to social justice issues since attending law school at USF and living in San Francisco in 1971. My work has primarily been in the immigrant rights field (including former chair of the Immigrant Rights Commission), I also have worked on civil rights issues on behalf of Latinos, African Americans, and the API community. I have been a legal services attorney, a professor of law, and a professor ethnic studies. I have sat on the boards of many nonprofits in San Francisco, including the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, ACLU, Asian Law Caucus, and Goodwill Industries. I am on an advisor committee to the San Francisco Foundation as well.

**Business and/or professional experience:**

Fulltime law professor since 1979 (USF, UC Davis, Stanford, Golden Gate, and visiting professor at UC Berkeley).  
Founder of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Acting director of the East Palo Alto Community Law Project  
Of Counsel, Baker & McKenzie  
Staff attorney and Immigration Unit Director, San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation

**Civic Activities:**

Currently on the Koshland Leadership Committee, San Francisco Foundation  
Currently on the board of the Immigrant Legal Resource Center  
Past president, San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission  
Past board membership: Rosenberg Foundation, Asian Law Caucus (Asian Americans Advancing Justice), ACLU-Northern California, Asia Pacific Fund, Migration Policy Institute, Southeast Asian Resource Action Center  
California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice (member during life of Comm)

Have you attended any meetings of the Board/Commission to which you wish appointment?      Yes  No

Appointments confirmed by the Board of Supervisors require an appearance before the Rules Committee. Once your application is received, the Rules Committee Clerk will contact you when a hearing is scheduled. *(Please submit your application 10 days before the scheduled hearing.)*

Date: 12-2-2016 Applicant's Signature: (required)

**Bill Ong Hing**

(Manually sign or type your complete name.  
NOTE: By typing your complete name, you are hereby consenting to use of electronic signature.)

**Please Note:** Your application will be retained for one year. Once completed, this form, including all attachments, become public record.

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Appointed to Seat #: \_\_\_\_\_ Term Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Seat was Vacated: \_\_\_\_\_



**COVER PAGE**

Please type or print in ink.

NAME OF FILER (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

**1. Office, Agency, or Court**

Agency Name (Do not use acronyms)

Division, Board, Department, District, if applicable Your Position

► If filing for multiple positions, list below or on an attachment. (Do not use acronyms)

Agency: Position:

**2. Jurisdiction of Office (Check at least one box)**

- State  Judge or Court Commissioner (Statewide Jurisdiction)
- Multi-County \_\_\_\_\_  County of \_\_\_\_\_
- City of \_\_\_\_\_  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Type of Statement (Check at least one box)**

- Annual:** The period covered is January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.
- Leaving Office:** Date Left \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one)
  - The period covered is January 1, 2015, through the date of leaving office.
  - The period covered is \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_, through the date of leaving office.
- Assuming Office:** Date assumed \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
**-or-**
- Candidate:** Election year \_\_\_\_\_ and office sought, if different than Part 1: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. Schedule Summary (must complete) ► Total number of pages including this cover page: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Schedules attached**

- Schedule A-1 - Investments** – schedule attached  **Schedule C - Income, Loans, & Business Positions** – schedule attached
- Schedule A-2 - Investments** – schedule attached  **Schedule D - Income – Gifts** – schedule attached
- Schedule B - Real Property** – schedule attached  **Schedule E - Income – Gifts – Travel Payments** – schedule attached

- or-**
- None - No reportable interests on any schedule**

**5. Verification**

MAILING ADDRESS STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
(Business or Agency Address Recommended - Public Document)

DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER E-MAIL ADDRESS  
( )

I have used all reasonable diligence in preparing this statement. I have reviewed this statement and to the best of my knowledge the information contained herein and in any attached schedules is true and complete. I acknowledge this is a public document.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(month, day, year) (File the originally signed statement with your filing official.)



# SCHEDULE A-2

## Investments, Income, and Assets of Business Entities/Trusts

(Ownership Interest is 10% or Greater)

**CALIFORNIA FORM 700**

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one  
 Trust, go to 2     Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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| <p>FAIR MARKET VALUE</p> <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$1,999<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000 | <p>IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">____/____/15    ____/____/15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACQUIRED                  DISPOSED</p> |
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NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Partnership     Sole Proprietorship     \_\_\_\_\_ Other

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

**▶ 1. BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Business Address Acceptable) \_\_\_\_\_

Check one  
 Trust, go to 2     Business Entity, complete the box, then go to 2

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THIS BUSINESS

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NATURE OF INVESTMENT  
 Partnership     Sole Proprietorship     \_\_\_\_\_ Other

YOUR BUSINESS POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

**▶ 2. IDENTIFY THE GROSS INCOME RECEIVED (INCLUDE YOUR PRO RATA SHARE OF THE GROSS INCOME TO THE ENTITY/TRUST)**

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|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$499        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 - \$1,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> OVER \$100,000       |
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**▶ 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF \$10,000 OR MORE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)**

None    or     Names listed below

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**▶ 3. LIST THE NAME OF EACH REPORTABLE SINGLE SOURCE OF INCOME OF \$10,000 OR MORE (Attach a separate sheet if necessary.)**

None    or     Names listed below

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**▶ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

Check one box:  
 INVESTMENT     REAL PROPERTY

Name of Business Entity, if Investment, or Assessor's Parcel Number or Street Address of Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Business Activity or City or Other Precise Location of Real Property \_\_\_\_\_

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| <p>FAIR MARKET VALUE</p> <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000 - \$10,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 - \$100,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$1,000,000<br><input type="checkbox"/> Over \$1,000,000 | <p>IF APPLICABLE, LIST DATE:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">____/____/15    ____/____/15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACQUIRED                  DISPOSED</p> |
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NATURE OF INTEREST  
 Property Ownership/Deed of Trust     Stock     Partnership

Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. remaining     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if additional schedules reporting investments or real property are attached

**▶ 4. INVESTMENTS AND INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY HELD OR LEASED BY THE BUSINESS ENTITY OR TRUST**

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Leasehold \_\_\_\_\_ Yrs. remaining     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_





## SCHEDULE D Income – Gifts

▶ NAME OF SOURCE *(Not an Acronym)*

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS *(Business Address Acceptable)*

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BUSINESS ACTIVITY, IF ANY, OF SOURCE

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| DATE (mm/dd/yy) | VALUE    | DESCRIPTION OF GIFT(S) |
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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<http://twitter.com/immprof>

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### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

|                                |                                                                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2010 – Present                 | Professor of Law, University of San Francisco                       |
| Fall 2000 - 2010               | Professor of Law, U.C. Davis (Professor <i>Emeritus</i> since 2010) |
| Fall 1997-Spring 2000          | Visiting Professor, U.C. Davis                                      |
| 1996-97 Academic Year          | Visiting Professor, Boalt Hall, U.C. Berkeley Law School            |
| July 1985 - June 1997          | Acting Professor and Associate Professor, Stanford Law School.      |
| Spring 1993                    | Chancellor's Distinguished Professorship, Boalt Hall                |
| August 1979 - June 1985        | Associate Professor of Law, Golden Gate University Law School.      |
| September 1976 - May 1979      | Adjunct Faculty Member, University of San Francisco School of Law.  |
| September 1977 - December 1983 | Adjunct Faculty Member, New College School of Law.                  |

### ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Evidence               | Immigration Law & Policy            |
| Negotiation            | Immigration Law Clinic              |
| Rebellious Lawyering   | Judicial Process & Criminal Justice |
| Constitutional Law     | Lawyering Process                   |
| Asian American History | Asian Americans and the Law         |

### NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AFTER LAW SCHOOL

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| June 1996 – June 2007          | Of Counsel, Baker & McKenzie. Development of marketing strategies and formation of business immigration unit for the San Francisco office of the world's largest international law firm.                                                                                                                |
| January 1987 - July 1987       | Acting Executive Director, East Palo Alto Community Law Project. Supervision of three staff attorneys, support staff and Stanford law students in a community law office emphasizing poverty law.                                                                                                       |
| November 1974 - September 1979 | Staff Attorney and Director, Immigration Law Unit, San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation. Supervision of attorneys, paralegals and law clerks. <i>Areas of emphasis:</i> Deportation defense, Political asylum, Family reunification, Naturalization, Voluntary agency back-up center. |

**PUBLICATIONS**

Books and Manuals:

Sole Author:

*Ethical Borders: NAFTA, Globalization, and Mexican Migration* (Temple Univ. Press 2010)

*Deporting Our Souls: Values, Morality, and Immigration Policy* (Cambridge Univ. Press 2006)

*Defining America Through Immigration Policy* (Temple Univ. Press 2004).

*Immigration and the Law—A Dictionary* (ABC-CLIO 1999)

*To Be an American: Cultural Pluralism and the Rhetoric of Assimilation* (New York University Press 1997)  
(named an Outstanding Academic Book by librarians' journal *Choice*)

*Making and Remaking Asian America Through Immigration Policy* (Stanford Press 1993)

*A Quick Reference to IRCA* (Aspen Law Publications 2000, 2001, 2002 editions)

*Handling Immigration Cases* (Wiley Law Publications, 2d Ed. 1995)

Co-Author:

*Understanding Immigration Law*, Johnson, Aldana, Hing, Saucedo, Trucios-Haynes (LexisNexis 2015)

*Reframing the Immigration Debate*, Hing & Lee, eds. (LEAP 1996) (nominated for human rights award by Gustavus Myers Center for Human Rights)

*Winning Suspension Cases*, Cohen, Steadman & Hing (ILRC Publications 1991); *Winning 212(c) Cases*, Hing and Cruhlac (ILRC Publications 1990); *Legalization: The Advocate's Guide to the New Immigration Law*, Hing, Lydon, Sklar, Brady & Silverman (ILRC Publications 1987); *Legalization Phase II: Applying for Permanent Residence*, Brady, Lydon, Hawver, Hing & Silverman (ILRC Publications 1988); *ILRC Guide to Legalization Appeals*, Lydon, Brigagliano, Hing & Silverman (ILRC Publications 1988); *Salvadoran and Guatemalan Asylum Cases: A Practitioner's Guide to Representing Clients in Deportation Proceedings*, Sklar, Hing & Silverman (ILRC Publications 1985); *Mexican Suspension Cases: Using Conditions in Mexico to Establish Extreme Hardship*, Silverman, Hing, Coppock & Sklar (Immigration Clinic Publications 1984)

*Immigration and Deportation Defense Manual for Volunteer Attorneys*, Hing, Helbush, Webber & Ferguson, 2d Ed. (1983), published by the Voluntary Legal Services Program of California State Bar; *Immigration Law and Procedure*, Treatise by Gordon and Rosenfield, Chapter on Deportation Defense for Volume 8

Articles and Book Chapters:

*From Ferguson to Palestine: Disrupting Race-Based Policing*, 59 HOWARD L. J. 559 (2016)

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*African Migration to the United States: Assigned to the Back of the Bus*, in THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT OF 1965: LEGISLATING A NEW AMERICA, eds. Gabriel Chin & Rose Cuison Villazor (Cambridge Univ. Press 2015)

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*Redressing the Shame of U.S. Immigration Laws and Enforcement Policies*, in Lois Lorentzen, ed. *HIDDEN LIVES AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES: UNDERSTANDING THE CONTROVERSIES AND TRAGEDIES OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRATION* (Praeger 2014)

*Developing a New Mind-Set on Immigration Reform*, in *CONSTRUCTING IMMIGRANT "ILLEGALITY"--CRITIQUES, EXPERIENCES, AND RESPONSES*, eds. Cecilia Menjivar & Daniel Kanstroom (Cambridge Univ. Press 2014)

*The Failure of Prosecutorial Discretion and the Deportation of Oscar Martinez*, 15 *SCHOLAR: ST. MARY'S L. REV. & SOC. JUST.* 437 (2013)

*Immigration Sanctuary Policies: Constitutional and Representative of Good Policing and Good Public Policy*, 2 *UC IRVINE L. REV.* 247 (2012)

*Superman Had Nothing on Keith Aoki*, 17 *UCLA ASIAN PAC. AM. L.J.* 148 (2012)

*Reason Over Hysteria -- Keynote Essay*, 12 *LOY. J. PUB. INT. L.* 275 (2011).

*Thinking Broadly About Immigration Reform by Addressing Root Causes* in *MONA PARSA AND DEBORAH ROBINSON, EDS., LEGAL BRIEFS ON IMMIGRATION REFORM FROM 25 OF THE TOP LEGAL MINDS IN THE COUNTRY* (Robinson Omnimedia Publishing & Studios, Inc. 2011)

*Systemic Failure: Mental Illness, Detention, and Deportation*, 16 *U.C. DAVIS J. INT'L L. & POL'Y* 341 (2010).

*The Rise and Fall of Employer Sanctions*, 38 *FORDHAM URB. L.J.* 77-105 (2010) (with David Bacon)

*Asian Americans and Immigration Reform*, 17 *ASIAN AM. L. J.* 83 (2010)

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*Institutional Racism, ICE Raids, and Immigration Reform*, 44 *USF L.REV.* 307 (2009)

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*Defending the Unpopular Immigrant*, in *UNTOLD CIVIL RIGHTS STORIES* (Stewart Kwoh & Russell Leong, Eds., 2009)

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Guest Editor for Volume 31, No. 3 (2005) of *Amerasia Journal*, and wrote the lead article: *Deporting Our Souls and Defending our Immigrants*.

*Detention to Deportation—Rethinking the Removal of Cambodian Refugees*, 38 U.C. DAVIS L.REV. 891 (2005)

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## **SELECTED APPELLATE LITIGATION**

### *Counsel or Co-Counsel:*

In re Eddy Zheng, Successful Governor's Pardon to prevent deportation, April 2015.

In re Sergio Garcia, Bar Misc. 4186 (2014), California Supreme Court, undocumented law graduate who passed the bar exam was admitted to practice law.

*INS v. Yueh-Shaio Yang*, 519 U.S. 26 (1996), immigration case involving a waiver of fraud committed by immigrant in which Supreme Court found no abuse of discretion by INS.

*INS v. Cardoza-Fonseca*, 480 U.S. 421 (1987): asylum case in which the Supreme Court held that in order to qualify for asylum, applicants do not have to show likelihood of persecution of better than fifty percent; asylum law should be construed generously.

*INS v. Pangilinan*, 486 U.S. 875 (1988): denial of equitable remedy for Filipino war veteran seeking naturalization some 30 years after serving in U.S. armed forces in World War II. In 1990, Congress responded by enacting legislation granting relief to this class of veterans.

*Wall v. INS*, 722 F.2d 1445 (9th Cir. 1984): Established that residence accrued during period of appeal was legal for purposes of establishing eligibility for relief.

*McMullen v. INS*, 658 F.2d 1312 (9th Cir. 1981): Political asylum case involving former member of the Provisional Irish Republican Army, granted. It was the first case testing the 1980 Refugee Act that reached the Federal Court of Appeals and established evidentiary precedent.

*Mahdjoubi v. Crosland*, 618 F.2d 1356 (9th Cir. 1980): Due process and A.P.A. challenge to INS regulations denying reinstatement of Iranian Students.

*Yassini v. Crosland*, 613 F.2d 219 (9th Cir. 1980): Estoppel challenge to INS revocation of a temporary sanctuary program that had theretofore been established for Iranian nationals in the United States.

*Matter of Atanacio*, 56 Interpreter Releases 515a (BIA 1979): Exclusion of returning lawful permanent resident who had received public benefits overturned.

*Cuevas-Ortega v. INS*, 588 F.2d 1274 (9th Cir. 1979): Challenge to certain Fourth Amendment violations committed by immigration officers during their arrests of certain aliens denied.

*Lopez-Telles v. INS*, 564 F.2d 1302 (9th Cir. 1977): Inherent authority in an Immigration Judge to terminate proceedings on humanitarian grounds not found.

*Advisor or Consultant:*

*U.S. v. Mendoza-Lopez*, 481 U.S. 828 (1987): Supreme Court agreed that waivers of hearing rights by a group of aliens in deportation proceedings violated due process.

*Kush, et al, v. Rutledge*, 460 U.S. 719 (1983): civil rights case involving the intimidation of witnesses and NCAA rules violations in a case filed by a football player against his coach.

*Research Assistance as a Law Clerk:*

*Hampton v. Mow Sun Wong*, 426 U.S. (1976): challenge by lawful resident aliens to federal regulation restricting federal civil service jobs to citizens.

*Lau v. Nichols*, 414 U.S. 563 (1974): equal educational opportunity challenge on behalf of limited and non-English-speaking immigrant children.

**EXPERT TESTIMONY**

- *Utility Consumers' Action Network, et al. v. Pacific Bell*, 98-04-004, 98-06-003, 98-06-027 (Public Utilities Commission 1998) (consumer complaint on behalf of immigrant customers).
- *Committee of Central American Refugees v. INS*, 682 F. Supp. 1055 (N.D. Cal. 1988) (challenge to government transfer policy of arrested immigrants).
- *Leticia A v. Board of Regents*, No. 588-982-5 (Cal. Superior Court, Alameda Co. May 5, 1985) (right of undocumented college students to attend public universities in California)
- *Beatriz Sanchez, et al v. Pinkerton's Inc.*, No. H2072397 (Cal. Superior Court, Alameda Co. 2000) (right of family of deceased undocumented worker to pursue wrongful death action).
- *People v. Preet Paul Singh*, No. EE14887 (Cal. Superior Court Santa Clara Co. 2001) (right of immigrant to full procedural due process rights in criminal proceedings)
- *Peter Guzman and Maria Carbajal v. US Immigration Customs Enforcement and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department*, No. CV 08-01327 GHK (U.S. District Court, Central District of California 2009) (deported U.S. citizen tort and civil rights action against federal and local governmental agencies)
- *Barrancos Gongorra and Cano v. Fiesta Mex, LLC*, No. CGC-06-457121 (Superior Court of San Francisco County 2008) (right of wrongfully arrested and detained immigrant to sue informant who called ICE with false information)
- *In re Sambath Kon*, A25 373 338 (Federal Immigration Court, Los Angeles Mar. 30, 2012) (testimony regarding convention against torture claim for Cambodian respondent)
- *George Amaral Ranches, Inc. v. IRS Commissioner*, U.S. Tax Court, San Francisco, CA, 2013) (whether hiring practices of employer violated employer sanctions laws related to tax liability) (Affidavit Filed)
- *Ugarte Garcia v. O'Connor Hospital*, No. 110CV188349 (Superior Court, Santa Clara County, CA 2014) (right of child who was victim of malpractice at birth in U.S. to damages in spite of birth parents nonimmigrant status) (Affidavit Filed)

- *Guerrero v. California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation*, No. 3:13-cv-05671-WHA (N.D. Cal 2015) (immigration process for son of lawful resident alien and use of invalid Social Security Number)

**CURRENT VOLUNTEER WORK**

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|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 1979 - Present | Founder/Director/General Counsel, Immigrant Legal Resource Center                |
| January 2013 – Present  | Member, Koshland Committee, San Francisco Foundation                             |
| January 2014 – Present  | Board of Advisors, Pangea legal Services                                         |
| March 1997-Present      | National Advisory Council, Asian Americans Advancing Justice<br>Washington, D.C. |

**PAST VOLUNTEER WORK**

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| August 2012 – 2015       | Board, Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, Washington, D.C.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| April 2012 – 2015        | Chair, San Francisco Immigrant Rights Commission                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| January 2000 – 2005      | Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, Board Member                                                                                                                                                                            |
| January 1999 – 2004      | Asian Pacific Fund, Board Member                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| January 2001 – 2009      | Migration Policy Institute, Board Member                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| March 2002 – 2010        | Asian Law Caucus, Board Member                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| January 2008 – 2009      | United Food and Commercial Workers National Commission on ICE<br>Misconduct and Violation of 4 <sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights                                                                                                              |
| January 2005 – July 2008 | California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice, Member<br>(legislative study of unjust convictions and the death penalty)                                                                                                     |
| January 1994 - 2004      | Rosenberg Foundation, Member of the Board of Directors. Duties<br>included helping with decisions on distribution of foundation funds to<br>non-profit organizations.                                                                      |
| January 1994 - 2000      | Consultant, Leadership Education for Asian Pacific Americans, Los<br>Angeles, California, Asian Pacific American Policy Institute.                                                                                                         |
| 1995-1999                | Member, Citizens' Advisory Panel of the Department of Justice.<br>Appointed by Attorney General Janet Reno to panel to evaluate<br>complaint procedures available to victims of Border Patrol misconduct<br>and training of INS employees. |
| 1996-1998                | Member, Committee on Immigrant Children and Family Health,<br>National Research Council. Study group to review current research on<br>the health needs of immigrant families to recommend and review future<br>research.                   |

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| 1996 - 2000                   | Advisory Board, Emma Lazarus Fund of the Open Society Institute. Identification of potential grant recipients, formulation of program priorities and funding strategies for fund established by George Soros.                            |
| January 1993 - June 1993      | Co-Founder/Chair, Asian Americans for Quality Education. Coordination of community leaders and residents interested in educational quality and community access in the San Francisco Community College System.                           |
| January 1990 - June 1993      | Advisory Committee, Immigration Policy Project, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.                                                                                                                             |
| May 1979 - April 1981         | Member, Staff Advisory Group, Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy. Major policy analysis and research for Commissioner Rose M. Ochi of a federal commission charged by Congress to study immigration and refugee issues. |
| January 1987 - June 1988      | Chair (First), Immigration and Nationality Law Advisory Commission, California Bar Board of Legal Specialization                                                                                                                         |
| June 1977 - January 1995      | Consultant and Trainer for the Outreach Office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.                                                                                                                                            |
| September 1986 - January 1988 | Co-Chair, United Way South East Asian/Hispanic Refugee and Immigrant Underserved Population Sub-Committee                                                                                                                                |
| January 1985 - June 1985      | Co-Founder, Break the Silence Coalition, established to monitor and combat anti-Asian violence throughout California                                                                                                                     |
| June 1989 - December 1989     | China Advisory Committee, Congresswomen Nancy Pelosi and Barbara Boxer                                                                                                                                                                   |
| March 1989 - March 1992       | Co-Chair/Founder, Asian Pacific Committee for Immigration Justice                                                                                                                                                                        |
| January 1975 - July 1979      | Co-Founder, Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area                                                                                                                                                                       |

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Rebellious Lawyering Institute Conference: “Celebrating the Work of Bill Ong Hing”, 2016
- University of San Francisco Ignatian Public Service Award, 2015
- USF Law Dean’s Circle Scholar, 2011-2016
- Asian & Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus Foundation Honoree for Excellence in Education, 2014
- Dedicated Service Award, Pangea Legal Services, 2014
- Asian American Achievement Award, Organization of Chinese Americans, 2013
- Inaugural Mano Public Service Award, USF Asian American Studies Department, 2012
- Inaugural Keith Aoki Jurisprudence Award, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Professors, 2011
- Gold Pearl Award for Silicon Valley Foundation Immigration Essay, Custom Content Council, 2011
- Centro Legal de La Raza Lifetime Achievement Award, 2011
- East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, Community Service Award, 2010
- Bay Area Asian Pacific American Law Student Association’s Outstanding Leadership Award, 2009
- Donald Cressey Award, National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 2008
- Keepers of the American Dream Award, National Immigration Forum, 2007

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Heritage Award, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation, 2005  
University Distinguished Public Service Award, UC Davis 2003  
Tobriner Public Service Award, San Francisco Legal Aid Society, 2003  
Justice in Action Award, Asian American Legal Defense Fund, 2001  
2000 First Prize, Clinical Legal Education Association Creative Writing Contest  
National Educational Media Network Academic Advisor Silver Apple Award, 1999  
*Choice* Award for Outstanding Academic Book, 1997  
Chancellor's Distinguished Professorship, University of California at Berkeley, 1993  
Co-authored LEAP Publication Nominated for Gustavus Myers Center Human Rights Award, 1996  
California Rural Legal Assistance, Public Interest Award, 1989  
J. Lani Bader Outstanding Teaching Award, Golden Gate University, 1985  
Bar Association of San Francisco, Community Legal Services Award, 1984

### **EDUCATION**

Law: University of San Francisco, J.D., June 1974 (cum laude), McAuliffe's Honor Society.  
Undergraduate: University of California at Berkeley, A.B., Psychology, June 1971, Honor Society.

### **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

State Bar of California, December 1974  
Federal District Court of Northern California, December 1974  
Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, February 1976  
United States Supreme Court, July 1978  
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, February 1988

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Co-editor and co-founder of the Immigration Law Professor blog found at:  
<http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/immigration/>

Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/immprof>

Some articles by Professor Hing can be downloaded on SSRN at: <http://ssrn.com/author=331631>

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**KATY TANG**

DATE: December 2, 2016  
TO: Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Supervisor Katy Tang  
Chairperson  
RE: Rules Committee  
COMMITTEE REPORT

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Pursuant to Board Rule 4.20, as Chair of the Rules Committee, I have deemed the following matters are of an urgent nature and request they be considered by the full Board on December 13, 2016, as Committee Reports:

**161305 Appointments, Balboa Park Station Citizens Advisory Committee**  
Hearing to consider appointing nine members, for two-year terms ending February 28, 2019, to the Balboa Park Station Community Advisory Committee.

**161306 Appointments, Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee**  
Hearing to consider appointing three members, terms ending November 21, 2018, to the Citizens General Obligation Bond Oversight Committee.

**161307 Appointment, Police Commission**  
Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending April 30, 2018, to the Police Commission.

**161081 Various Codes - Nonsubstantive Clean-Up Ordinance**  
Ordinance amending the Administrative, Campaign and Governmental Conduct, Environment, Health, Municipal Elections, Police, and Public Works Codes to make nonsubstantive changes.

These matters will be heard at the Rules Committee Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.



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**161307 Appointment, Police Commission**  
Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending April 30, 2018, to the Police Commission.

**161313 Appointments, Immigrant Rights Commission**  
Hearing to consider appointing six members, terms ending June 6, 2018, to the Immigrant Rights Commission.

These matters will be heard at the Rules Committee Special Meeting on ~~Thursday~~ <sup>Monday</sup>, December 12, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.

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## VACANCY NOTICE

### POLICE COMMISSION

Replaces All Previous Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the following vacancy and term expirations:

Seat 1, succeeding L. Julius Turman, term expires April 30, 2019, must be nominated by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for a four-year term.

**Vacant seat 2**, succeeding Victor Hwang, resigned, must be nominated by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending April 30, 2018.

Seat 3, succeeding Petra DeJesus, term expires April 30, 2017, must be nominated by the Rules Committee or its successor and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for a four-year term.

Seat 4, Thomas Mazzucco, term expires April 30, 2020, must be nominated by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for a four-year term.

Seat 5, Suzy Loftus, term expires April 30, 2020, must be nominated by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for a four-year term.

Seat 6, Joseph Marshall, term expires April 30, 2018, must be nominated by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for a four-year term.

Reports: None.

Sunset Date: None.

Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rules of Order, Section 2.19, applicants applying for this Commission must complete and submit, with their application, a copy (**not original**) of Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests. Applications will not be considered if a copy of Form 700 is not submitted. Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests, may be obtained at <http://www.sfbos.org/form700>.

Additional information relating to the Police Commission may be obtained by reviewing Charter, Section 4.109 at <http://www.sfbos.org/sfmunicodes> or by visiting their website <http://sf-police.org/index.aspx?page=2572>.

Interested persons may obtain an application from the Board of Supervisors website at [http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy\\_application](http://www.sfbos.org/vacancy_application) or from the Rules Committee Clerk, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689. Completed applications should be submitted to the Clerk of the Board. All applicants must be residents of San Francisco, unless otherwise stated.

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Commission is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-7702.*

  
Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

DATED/POSTED: November 28, 2016

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Charter, Sections 4.109 and 4.127 (Proposition H, November 4, 2003)

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**Board Qualifications:**

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The Police Commission shall consist of seven (7) members:

- > Three (3) members shall be nominated by the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors; and
- > Four (4) members nominated by the Mayor, at least one (1) shall be a retired judge or an attorney with trial experience.

Each nomination shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors. The Mayor's nominations shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days. If the Board of Supervisors rejects the Mayor's nomination to fill the seat designated for a retired judge or attorney with trial experience, the Mayor shall nominate a different person with such qualifications. If the Board of Supervisors fails to act on a mayoral nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, the nominee shall be deemed confirmed.

To stagger the terms of the seven members, of the first four members nominated by the Mayor, two members shall serve two year terms and two members shall serve terms of four years; and of the three members nominated by the Rules Committee, one member shall serve a term of one year, one member shall serve a term of two years, and one member shall serve a term of three years. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall designate such initial terms by lot. All subsequent appointments to the commission shall be for four-year terms.

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The tenure of each member shall terminate upon the expiration of the member's term. The Mayor shall transmit a nomination or re-nomination to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the term of a member nominated by the Mayor. For vacancies occurring for reasons other than the expiration of a member's term, within 60 days following the creation of such vacancy, the Mayor shall nominate a member to fill such vacancy if the vacancy is for a seat filled by nomination of the Mayor.

The District Attorney, Sheriff, and Public Defender may recommend persons to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors for nomination or appointment to the Commission.

The Mayor, with the consent of the Board, may remove a member the Mayor has nominated. The Board of Supervisors may remove a member the Rules Committee has nominated.

The Police Commission oversees the Police Department and the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC). The OCC investigates complaints of police misconduct and neglect of duty. The Director of the OCC may verify and file disciplinary charges with the Police Commission against members of the Police Department arising out of citizen complaints that are sustained by the OCC after meeting and conferring with the Chief of Police.

Reports: None

Sunset Date: None

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