

April 17th 2025

Dear Supervisors Walton, Sherrill, and Mandelman:

My name is Lila Travis and I am the founder and director of Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue (YUWR.org), San Francisco's only wildlife rehabilitation center. YUWR is an all-volunteer-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to the rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife living in urban city centers. Our foundational mission is education of the public about how to live harmoniously with wildlife.

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I am writing this email in support of Irina Ozernoy's reappointment to the SF Commission for Animal Control and Welfare. As one of our longest-standing volunteers and a core member of YUWR's coordinator team, Irina constantly proves her dedication to animal welfare. I believe that it is important to retain Ms. Ozernoy on the Commission, as she is a passionate advocate for all animals, including under-represented wildlife. Irina's work on the Commission to date has been incredibly helpful to the mission of our organization, by shedding light on important animal rights issues, wildlife educational issues, and incidents of animal cruelty. In fact, the proposed glue trap ban that Irina has been working on since she joined the Commission is something that would have a direct impact on our wildlife rescue work. Just this week, we've already seen four glue-trap caught animals at our wildlife hospital, and while these particular patients will recover, many are not so lucky.

I hope that you will reappoint Irina Ozernoy to the Animal Commission so that she can continue doing this important work.

Thank you so much,

Sincerely,

Lila Talcott-Travis Yggdrasil Urban Wildlife Rescue Founder/Director http://www.yuwr.org