

**From:** [Edward Mason](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [Mandelman, Rafael \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Good Government Charter Amendment File 211285  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:13:57 PM

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I support the Good Government Charter Amendment to split commission appointments between the Legislative and Executive Government Branches. Time to restore integrity to City government we expect.  
Edward Mason

**From:** [Madison Clell](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Madison Clell  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 4:52:29 PM

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My name is **Madison Clell**  
My email address is **madisoncuckoo@yahoo.com**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I strongly support Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment.

I am especially excited about splitting appointments to a variety of powerful unelected boards -- especially the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission.

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Madison Clell

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**From:** [Ignacio Orellana Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Ignacio Orellana Garcia  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 5:09:23 PM

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My name is **Ignacio Orellana Garcia**  
My email address is **volare232@hotmail.com**

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Ignacio Orellana Garcia

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**From:** [Susan Churchill](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Susan Churchill  
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My name is **Susan Churchill**  
My email address is **churchladysnl@comcast.net**

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan Churchill

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**From:** [Jamie Kendall](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Jamie Kendall  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 6:06:11 PM

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My name is **Jamie Kendall**  
My email address is **[jkendall301@gmail.com](mailto:jkendall301@gmail.com)**

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Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Kendall

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**From:** [Greg Syler](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Greg Syler  
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My name is **Greg Syler**  
My email address is **sivakitty@yahoo.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Greg Syler

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**From:** [Elizabeth Fox](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Elizabeth Fox  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:17:15 PM

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My name is **Elizabeth Fox**  
My email address is **ehfox1013@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Fox

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**From:** [Nadine May](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** File no. 211285; Charter Amendment; SUPPORT  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:42:37 PM

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Supervisors:

I am writing because I strongly support Supervisor Chan's proposed charter amendment, and I hope you will agree. San Francisco needs this -- indeed, it is long overdue!

Thank you.

Nadine May  
554 Sixth Avenue #302  
San Francisco CA 94118

**From:** [Noelle Song](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Noelle Song  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:31 PM

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My name is **Noelle Song**  
My email address is **noellesong008@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Noelle Song

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**From:** [Lola Lee](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Lola Lee  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:54:58 PM

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My name is **Lola Lee**  
My email address is **lolalee008@gmail.com**

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Respectfully submitted,

Lola Lee

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**From:** [Robert Hall](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support the Good and Clean Government charter amendment, Re: file #211285  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:45:25 PM

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I'm writing to advocate for a city charter amendment for Good and Clean Government, Re: file #211285. In a city rife with corruption scandals, it's time to remove some of the politics out of city decision-making processes. I've been to many commission meetings where approvals are pro-forma rubber stamps. We need accountability and other voices in the mix who can represent the districts needs, not just the mayor's. Having Board of Supervisor's appointments go through a public vetting process will add transparency to the selection process. We need more voices of experts, not just political appointees.

I support more Sunshine. I support Good and Clean Government.

Robert Hall  
1946 Grove St. Apt. 6

**From:** [Shahin Saneinejad](#)  
**To:** [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#); [ChanStaff \(BOS\)](#); [MandelmanStaff, \[BOS\]](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [MelgarStaff \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [soard1.2020@gmail.com](mailto:soard1.2020@gmail.com)  
**Subject:** Oppose Split Appointment Authority  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 8:48:25 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Members and Supervisors,

I respectfully urge you to oppose item #6 211285 [Charter Amendment - Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator].

This item would make city administration less accountable to voters. Today, appointments can be laid at the feet of a single official (the Mayor) who appears on the ballot and can be supported or reprimanded by voters. This charter amendment would divide responsibility for appointments, opening the way to endless finger-pointing and protecting the Mayor at the ballot box.

Please oppose the charter amendment to split appointment authority for boards and commissions.

Shahin

**From:** [Ariane Eroy](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Preston, Dean \(BOS\)](#); [Ronen, Hillary](#); [Haney, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Mar, Gordon \(BOS\)](#); [Groth, Kelly \(BOS\)](#); [Hsieh, Frances \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Chan's Good Government Charter Amendment  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:19:20 PM

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As a 28-year San Francisco resident, I support Supervisor Connie Chan's good government charter amendment, as it would help curb the undue influence of mayors, while fostering a system of checks and balances.

Environmentalists and scientists worldwide have recognized the urgency and importance of the climate emergency, and yet SF mayors have stacked appointments in the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) and the Department of the Environment (DOE) with those who purport Nativism, a reactionary ideology that claims that certain species are "dangerous", "inferior", or "invasive".

Developers and the pesticide industry have partnered with Nativists to purport not merely bigotry but also eugenics, while denying the fact that their widespread tree-razing projects have not merely degraded the land with the aim of transitioning it from the public to private sector, but that their vendetta against San Francisco's Eucalyptus—its most populous and well-adapted trees—has accelerated climate disruption.

We are very disappointed with the City's bigotry, foolhardiness, and corruption. Our city, our nation—with its politics and its future—should not be sold to the highest bidder.

Seize the Day!

Ariane Eroy, Ph. D.  
716 20th Ave.  
San Francisco, California 94121

**“We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there "is" such a thing as being too late.**

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
“Beyond Vietnam”  
Riverside Church  
April 4, 1967

**From:** [Doug McKirahan](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#); [Chan, Connie \(BOS\)](#); [Melgar, Myrna \(BOS\)](#); [Stefani, Catherine \(BOS\)](#); [Peskin, Aaron \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Public Comments: Rules Committee Hearing (Monday, January 24, 2022) from Doug McKirahan  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:55:20 PM

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My name is **Doug McKirahan**  
My email address is **ratt57@pacbell.net**

Item 6, File No. 211285: Support

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug McKirahan

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**From:** [Julie Pitta](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Item 6, File No. 211285: Support  
**Date:** Sunday, January 23, 2022 9:56:40 PM

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Thank you to Supervisor Chan for introducing these Charter reforms.

Sincerely,

Julie Pitta  
Resident, Richmond District



**From:** [Jean Barish](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Jan. 24 Rules Committee Agenda Item # 6 - File #211285  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 8:59:02 AM

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Dear Rules Committee Members,

I am writing to support the clean government Charter Amendment proposed by Supervisor Chan for the June 2022 ballot. This important Charter Amendment assures that more equitable city services will be provided to everyone.

Supervisor Chan's measure helps address the culture of corruption in San Francisco in a number of important ways:

It provides checks and balances as well as transparency to all City departments and some of the most important commissions and policy setting bodies in the City.

It gives the public an opportunity to participate in important decisions.

By creating an independent City Administrator and restoring the powers of the City Administrator's Office, it takes the politics out of delivering important city services and assures the delivery of city services equitably to all communities without cronyism. It also focuses the City Administrator's Office on delivering the basics and managing our public assets

It shares appointments to Chartered Commissions between the Executive and Legislative branches of government. Most Commissioners are appointed exclusively by the Executive Branch. These Commissioners have the power to appoint department heads, approve department budgets, and enter into contracts. Yet their appointments are often limited to a select number of political insiders. By sharing appointments between the Mayor and Board of Supervisors this Charter Amendment will ensure appointments are open to industry experts, not just well-connected friends of the Administration.

The recent scandals that have shaken City Hall demonstrate the need for this important Charter Amendment. San Francisco needs cleaner government, and this Charter Amendment will assure that will happen.

I urge the Committee to support this Charter Amendment. Thank you for your consideration.

*Jean*

*Jean B Barish*  
*jeanbbarish@hotmail.com*  
415-752-0185



**From:** [Julienne Fisher](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Julie Fisher](#)  
**Subject:** Support for # 211285  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:06:54 AM

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***Item 6, File No. 211285: Support***

***Dear Supervisors,***

***I am writing in support of Supervisor Connie Chan's proposed Charter Amendment 211285.***

***Creating the practice of dividing these appointments up among our unelected boards including the SFMTA, Recreation and Parks Department, and the SF PUC will ratchet up our cities' democracy and transparency.***

***This will be a much needed change.***

***Please support this Charter Amendment from Supervisor Chan.***

***Respectfully,***

***Julie Fisher  
415 307-1213***

**From:** [Rebecca Rozewicz](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding: Reference File #211285  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:18:19 AM

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Good morning,

I am writing in support of Supervisor Connie Chan's Charter Amendment introduced for the June 2022 ballot. (reference file #211285)

My name is Rebecca Rozewicz and I have worked for over 20 years as a #8226 museum guard for City Dept. 61: Fine Arts Museums of S.F.

During that time, I have witnessed a steady decline in health & safety services and a deterioration in communication due to a management style that is neither transparent nor accountable where rank and file is concerned. The pandemic dramatically exposed those inequalities.

An example of which is offering free admission to the deYoung and Legion of Honor museums every Saturday while drastically reducing the security force responsible for maintaining and providing emergency safety protocols for the public.

I believe that a dedicated system of checks and balances through Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment will help to restore and strengthen the quality services that our City Departments are capable of performing for the public good.

Thank you for listening to this concerned civil servant and San Francisco resident and voter.

Truly,  
Rebecca Rozewicz  
SEIU 1021  
#8226 Museum Guard

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)  
**To:** [BOS-Supervisors](#); [BOS-Legislative Aides](#)  
**Cc:** [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Somera, Alisa \(BOS\)](#); [Laxamana, Junko \(BOS\)](#); [Ng, Wilson \(BOS\)](#); [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public comment 1/24/2022 Rules Committee Agenda item #4 - Children's Agency  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:46:52 AM

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**From:** Anna W Yohannes <annawyohannes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 24, 2022 9:16 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative\_aides@sfgov.org>; Young, Victor (BOS) <victor.young@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Public comment 1/24/2022 Rules Committee Agenda item #4 - Children's Agency

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I am an early childhood substitute teacher and Early Childhood advocate and live/work in SF District 5. I am writing to thank you for considering the Children First Charter amendment and how it will affect our children & families. Aspirations to improve accountability, strategic investments, transparency, and collaboration on behalf of the city's children, youth and families are laudable and reflect an important commitment to the future of San Francisco. However, the proposed amendment states that if additional state funding for early care & education and/or universal preschool comes through, local funding can be redirected outside of ECE.

Quality early care and education (ECE) for children ages 0 to 5 is very expensive. Even with Proposition C, alongside new federal and state dollars, we are only able to serve 15% of infants and toddlers that need care in San Francisco. Please protect funding for ECE by opposing this amendment and engaging the community on a system that works best for all our children & families.

Currently, more than 33% of ECE programs do not have enough teachers/staff to enroll as many children as desired. As a member of the ECE community, I simply can not support any charter change or ballot measure that keeps language allowing cuts to local funding directed to ECE.

ECE funding is very complex with multiple funding streams and very specific constraints on funding. It is much more complex than DCYF and requires its own governmental division. Putting both departments under one umbrella will make things more difficult when a single focus on early care and education is now needed more than ever given the new national priority given to childcare.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this matter.

Sincerely,

Anna Wolde-Yohannes  
SF resident, D5

**From:** [Adam Paganini](#)  
**To:** [Young, Victor \(BOS\)](#)  
**Subject:** Public Support for Supervisor Chan's Charter Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 12:16:18 PM

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Dear Rules Committee Clerk of San Francisco,

I am a proud San Franciscan as well as a California state employee. I'm writing in to voice my support for supervisor Connie Chan's Charter Amendment - "Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions; Powers and Duties of the City Administrator". This measure helps address the culture of corruption in San Francisco. This is not a "power grab", and anyone who frames it that way is not engaging in good faith. The measure actually adds checks and balances to some of the most important commissions and policy setting bodies in the City. This gives the public an opportunity to weigh in and participate, while the mayor still appoints a majority of commissioners and takes politics out of delivering city services by restoring the powers of the **City Administrator's Office** to administer basic public services and government functions.

The people of San Francisco deserve non-political city service administrators and we demand our public officials to not be corrupted by corporate interests and wealthy interests. All of my colleagues in the city and I support this Charter Amendment.

Sincerely,

Adam

Adam Paganini, M.S.  
Marine Biologist  
San Francisco State University

## Patrick Monette-Shaw

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January 24, 2022

Rules Committee

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Aaron Peskin, Chair, Rules Committee

The Honorable Rafael Mandelman, Member, Rules Committee

The Honorable Connie Chan, Member, Rules Committee

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

### **Agenda Item #6, Board File 211285: Charter Amendment, Split Appointment Authority for Boards and Commissions**

Dear Chair Peskin and Rules Committee Members,

I fully support Board File #211285, the proposed Charter Amendment introduced by Supervisor Chan and co-sponsored by Supervisors Ronen, Peskin, and Preston to split the appointing authority to numerous City Boards and Commissions between the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

I would suggest two amendments to the legislation:

1. Introduce a standard term of service for commissioners appointed to each Board or Commission to four-year terms, and
2. Introduce term limits of a maximum of two four-year terms, whether served consecutively or with a break in service.

Although I understand there may be some value in having Commissioners who may have historical and institutional knowledge of a particular Commission they may be appointed to, there is also value in having fresh perspectives and broader representation from new members on every Board and Commission.

Take for example, the Health Commission.

In 1989, then-Mayor Art Agnos appointed Edward Chow, MD to the Health Commission. Dr. Chow has been repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission ever since and has now served consecutively on the Commission for 33 years.

In 1997, then-Mayor Willie L. Brown appointed David Sanchez, Jr., PhD to the Health Commission. Sanchez was also repeatedly re-appointed to the Health Commission and served consecutively on the Commission for 22 years until he resigned in 2019, a year before his death in December 2020.

While many believe that both Chow and Sanchez served admirably on the Health Commission, neither man should have served for 22 to 33 years on this Commission.

The Governor of California, Mayor of San Francisco, and members of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors are all restricted to two, four-year terms. Similarly, after Proposition 28 was passed in 2012, during their lifetimes no person may serve in California's legislature for more than 12 years in the State Senate, Assembly, or both, in any combination of terms.

Health Commissioners — and appointees to all other Boards and Commissioners — should have maximum term limits, and the time and method to impose term limits is now via this proposed Charter amendment.

Beyond that, I recommend that the Rules Committee pass Supervisor Chan's proposed Charter Amendment and forward it to the full Board of Supervisors with a strong recommendation to approve and place it on the June 2022 ballot.

**Please place this testimony in the Public Correspondence file for File #211285.**



Respectfully submitted,

**Patrick Monette-Shaw**

*Columnist/Reporter*

*Westside Observer* Newspaper

cc: The Honorable Catherine Stefani, Supervisor, District 2  
The Honorable Gordon Mar, Supervisor, District 4  
The Honorable Dean Preston, Supervisor, District 5  
The Honorable Matt Haney, Supervisor, District 6  
The Honorable Myrna Melgar, Supervisor, District 7  
The Honorable Hillary Ronen, Supervisor, District 9  
The Honorable Shamann Walton, Supervisor, District 10  
The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Supervisor, District 11  
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