

September 27, 2022

1350 Natoma Street, Unit 1
San Francisco, California 94103

RE: Appointment of Kate Stacy to the Public Utilities Commission

Rules Committee Members, and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I write in strong support of the appointment of Kate Stacy to the Public Utilities Commission.

I had the honor to work with Ms. Stacy during my entire tenure as Planning Director for the City, from 2008-2020. During that time, she was the lead attorney for the Land Use team in the City Attorney's Office. Of course, given the volatile and ever-changing nature of land use decisions and development projects in San Francisco, her role required us to have very frequent interaction.

In my view, Ms. Stacy is the embodiment of a true public servant. In our work with her, she was committed to supporting the city's best interests in all aspects of her work. Her expertise, excellent knowledge of the law with respect to land use and her ability to work through complicated legal issues were enormous assets to the Planning Department and to the city. Beyond the legal aspects of her work, she was acutely aware of the policy goals that were the basis of our work. She was a very quick study in understanding new proposed initiatives, and this often extended far beyond the realm of zoning and development, since so much of the Planning Department's work interacts with that of other agencies. In all cases, she and her team worked tirelessly with us to craft legislation and policies to support our goals and insure the best interests of the city.

On a personal level, Ms. Stacy's calm and steadfast demeanor was especially welcome in the often-heated environment of land use decisions in San Francisco. Her behavior had a calming influence on those around her, including me. She is charming and thoughtful, while being steadfast in her opinions. In short, she was a joy to work with.

I give Kate Stacy the strongest possible recommendation for a seat on the Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely

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John Rahaim
Former Planning Director

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Dear Rules Committee Members:

My name is Geoffrey Gordon-Creed. I write to strongly urge you to support Kate Stacy's appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

I am currently a member of the Board of Directors and am the immediate past Board Chair for Point Blue Conservation Science. (www.pointblue.org). Point Blue is a science-based conservation non-profit. Point Blue's 160 scientists work throughout the state of California and abroad to reduce the impacts of climate change, habitat loss, and other environmental threats. Point Blue scientists work with land and water managers, fishermen, ranchers, farmers, cities, counties, and others on issues relating to biodiversity, sea level rise, ocean health, soil health, and water conservation and retention.

Point Blue has received significant pro-bono assistance from Kate who has provided Point Blue with invaluable strategic and substantive advice on complex issues relating to contract drafting, navigating state and local administrative bodies and compliance with CEQA regulations. Kate's depth of knowledge on issues relating to water and land use is hugely impressive, and her advice and analysis is inevitably reasonable, practical, and firmly grounded in the law and facts.

I have known Kate Stacy personally and professionally for more than 30 years. We worked together at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office where, until recently, she was the head of the Land-Use team. Kate was held in the highest regard by her colleagues at the City Attorney's office. Kate was a highly talented lawyer, and she has a deep understanding of the work of the City and its commissions. Kate's colleagues regarded her working style as thoughtful, collaborative, and practical.

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Letter of Support for Kate Stacy - SFPUC

Kate is a true public servant in the best sense of the word, and I cannot think of a candidate more qualified for this position. I strongly urge you to support her appointment.

Sincerely,

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Geoffrey Gordon-Creed