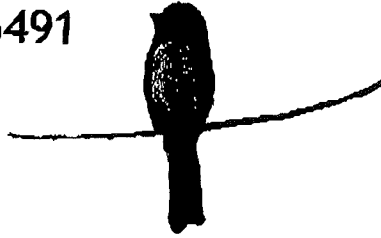


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5/19/2016

Re: Marylyn Tesconi

It is with great pleasure that I write a letter of recommendation for this amazing woman. I met Ms. Tesconi in graduate school while we were both pursuing our masters in psychology with a focus in community mental health. She is one of the smartest and compassionate people I am happy to call a friend and colleague. I was immediately drawn to her spirit of social justice, ability to see many sides of a topic and her wonderful creative mind.

She is an incredible writer, a champion for women who have been victimized by trauma, a compassionate supporter of those struggling with addiction and mental health issues and above all she is an activist for the under-represented. I have seen her not suffer the inconvenience of calling out the smallest injustice while others walk by. Her long history of social justice activism and being a person who has experienced marginalization and addiction in her own family and life coupled with her rich volunteer and work experience make her an ideal champion to help govern community mental health policy in this city, a city she was born and raised in and loves dearly.

Marylyn has always reminded me that mental health treatment is not a privilege but a human right. She is always looking for ways she can get involved and help the community and she is in an optimal position in her life right now to be of great service to our community.

Please consider her an prime candidate and a soon to be new friend.

Sincerely,

James Bosch

May 21, 2016

To whom it may concern:

I'm happy to recommend Marylyn Tesconi for a position on the Mental Health Board of San Francisco. I've known Ms Tesconi for about six years. We met at a recovery group for parents of addicted children, a group she co-founded. Under her guidance – the group has no leaders – it became a safe, caring environment where parents could find badly needed support.

Through her time at a drug counselor, Ms Tesconi learned the ins and outs of the treatment world and often provided accurate and actionable advice and suggestions. I've found her to be non-judgmental, open to new ideas, and willing to accept criticism.

I can't imagine a person better qualified to serve on the Mental Health Board. Her appointment will benefit the entire community. Feel free to contact me for additional information. [bill@billsnyder.biz](mailto:bill@billsnyder.biz); 415.824.3875.

Sincerely,

Bill Snyder

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May 21, 2016

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
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RE: Marylyn Tesconi, Volunteer Board Applicant, Mental Health Board of San Francisco

To Whom This May Concern:

I am most pleased to provide a reference for Ms. Marylyn Tesconi as a Volunteer Board Member to the Mental Health Board of San Francisco.

Ms. Tesconi is uniquely qualified to serve in this capacity. As both a consumer, family member and mental health professional, Marylyn has decades of years (and therefore hundreds of hours) of volunteer service in the drug and alcohol/substance abuse and violence, trauma and abuse recovery communities here in San Francisco. Furthermore, she is a certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor from City College of San Francisco where she graduated with a AA degree in Drug and Alcohol Studies (2007) and a MA degree in Counseling Psychology Community Mental Health from the California Institute for Integral Studies (2012).

I am an instructor in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Studies Department and founder of Healing for Change (HFC), a community-student organization at City College whose mission was to provide self-healing resources for female survivors of sexual violence and abuse. I have known Marylyn for over ten years in her various roles as a volunteer core group member, event coordinator and workshop leader in HFC. I knew her to be a dedicated, reliable volunteer with a deep and abiding commitment to the community and an ability to relate compassionately to a wide range of people on a personal and professional basis.

In addition to her mental health professional education and training, which is extensive, Ms. Tesconi brings a wealth of personal experience in overcoming her own addictions through the Alcoholics Anonymous self-help programs and a working knowledge in alternative community mental health healing practices using meditation,

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writing and drumming.

This is very important because psychotherapy, though the established and prevailing form of treatment for mental health problems, is oftentimes not financially or culturally accessible to many individuals, families and communities especially on a city as diverse as San Francisco. Therefore, Marylyn's knowledge and experience with alternative therapeutic modalities and community-based approaches would be particularly useful to the Board.

I strongly support Marylyn Tesconi's application and know the Board would benefit greatly with her addition.

Sincerely,

**Trinity A Ordon**

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**To: Derek Evans, Assistant Clerk, Board of Supervisors**

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**Date: May 25, 2016**

**From: Marylyn Tesconi, Applicant for Mental Health Board of SF**

**Phone: 415-317-1335**

**Subject: Letters of Support**