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02/16/2017

RE: Board of Supervisors Candidate selection to the Ethics Commission

Dear Supervisors, my name is Joe Kelly. I am a native San Franciscan and a former member of the San Francisco Civil Grand Jury.

I am writing today in support of Judge Quentin L. Kopp to be appointed to the Ethics Commission for the upcoming term. I have followed Judge Kopp throughout the many years of his public service. I believe the citizens of San Francisco will have a strong advocate in judge Kopp for accountability from all those involved in public service. I have followed the workings of the Ethics Commission for the past five years and have noticed a major upgrade in the past twelve months in the Commissions pursuit of its stated mission. Much of this improvement is a result of judge Kopp's presence on the Ethics Commission. Many of you may not realize that Judge Kopp has been involved with the Ethics Commission since its inception in the 1970's.

I strongly encourage your vote of support for Judge Kopp to insure the Commission continues its assent into the productive Commission which the citizens of San Francisco deserve and desire.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my perspective.
Joe Kelly Jr.

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February 17, 2017

Rules Committee

San Francisco Board of Supervisors

The Honorable Ahsha Safai, Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Chair, Rules Committee

The Honorable Sandra Lee Fewer, Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Member, Rules Committee

The Honorable Norman Yee, Supervisor, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Member, Rules Committee

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place

San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: **Support for Re-Appointment of Quentin Kopp to Ethics Commission**

Dear Rules Committee Members,

I strongly support former Judge Quentin Kopp application for re-appointment to San Francisco's Ethics Commission for a six-year term ending on February 1, 2023. He is clearly the stronger candidate of the two applicants for this seat.

Since his appointment to the Ethics Commission in 2016, Mr. Kopp has served admirably.

Over the 27 years he served as a member of San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, a member of the State Senate, and a Superior Court Judge, Mr. Kopp has long been a strong advocate of open government in our City. Kopp clearly has demonstrated during his tenure on the Superior Court that he is exceptionally impartial, and is obviously very knowledgeable about California state law and San Francisco's open government and ethics laws.

His service as a board member of California's First Amendment Coalition is additional evidence of his dedication to clean, honest government. To the extent Ethics Commissioner Peter Keane was correct in 2016 that Mr. Kopp "can sniff out a rat better than any terrier," Quentin was precisely the type of Commissioner the Ethics Commission was sorely in need of in 2016, and continues to be. Commissioner Kopp is an excellent choice to retain as an Ethics Commissioner.

Please forward a unanimous recommendation in support of Mr. Kopp's re-appointment to Ethics to the full Board of Supervisors. He is extremely competent, and deserves your unanimous support.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Monette-Shaw

Columnist/Reporter

Westside Observer Newspaper

cc: Derek Evans, Rules Committee Clerk

Evans, Derek

From: Bob Planthold <political_bob@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 18, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Board of Supervisors, (BOS)
Cc: Bob Planthold; Lee, Judy (BOS); Sandoval, Suhagey (BOS); Meyer, Catherine (BOS); Boilard, Chelsea (BOS); Pagoulatos, Nick (BOS); Yu, Angelina (BOS); Maybaum, Erica (BOS); Choy, Jarlene (BOS); Low, Jen (BOS); Evans, Derek
Subject: Rules Committee, Item 7, RE-appoint Quentin Kopp to SF Ethics Commission

I urge the Rules Committee, and then the entire Board of Supervisors,

to promptly act to re-appoint Quentin Kopp to Seat 1 on the SF Ethics Commission.

I do so as a former Ethics Commissioner, as a member of Friends of Ethics, and as an advocate long involved in such "good government" activities as several Grand Juries and service on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Last year, I initially did not endorse him, knowing his initial term would be very short and that he would have to go through this current process.

I wanted to see how he approached the Ethics Commission in all the work then ahead of it.

He has done an outstanding job in helping re-energize and re-orient the Ethics Commission to be active -- and pro-active.

Even though new to the Commission, he has taken the lead in asking probing questions on pending issues and in making positive suggestions for further Ethics actions.

We need his experience, independence, assertiveness, and deft communications skills.

Apart from personally supporting him and complimenting him to you,

I fully agree with the formal comments from Friends of Ethics and those of some of our individual members regarding how well and carefully he has faithfully carried out his duties as an Ethics Commissioner.

Bob Planthold

Evans, Derek

From: Sandoval, Suhagey (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Art Agnos
Cc: Evans, Derek
Subject: RE: Quentin Kopp Reappointment Letter to Chairman Safai

Greetings, Mr. Agnos:

Thank you for your note, I have cc'd Rules Clerk Derek Evans so that this email can be added to the file for this matter. Thank you both for your time.

Kind regards,

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From: Art Agnos [mailto:artagnos@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Sandoval, Suhagey (BOS) <suhagey.sandoval@sfgov.org>
Subject: Quentin Kopp Reappointment Letter to Chairman Safai

Dear Mr. Chairman,

It is with great enthusiasm and without hesitation that I join with many other San Franciscans to offer my full support for the reappointment of the honorable Quentin L. Kopp to the Ethics Commission.

Judge Kopp is a longtime advocate for curtailing the influence of money and contributors on our politics, and supported San Francisco's efforts to limit campaign contributions and add public financing.

Judge Kopp has been a superb Ethics Commissioner since his appointment to the remaining term of the Board's seat last September. His outstanding service in the short time he has served on the Ethics Commission reflects his experience and knowledge as a former California Appeals Court Judge, years as a member of the California State Senate, and years as a San Francisco Supervisor and is most worthy of appointment to a full term.

Most of all, he remains focused on the Ethics' commission's mission of transparency and accountability that serves the public.

He is the only candidate who has attended Ethics Commission meetings long before he was first appointed to the his current position, and the only candidate to support the Ethics Commission decision to place measures on the ballot favoring increased disclosure and opposing pay-to-play tactics. He has been and will continue to be a strong advocate for the vision of Executive Director LeeAnn Pelham and its implementation with full funding.

As a former mayor who has knows and has worked with the many challenges that San Francisco is faced with every day, I believe that Quentin Kopp adds an important status to the work of the Ethics Commission and has raised its reputation with the public.

It is with this in mind, that I respectfully ask that you support his reappointment for a full term to the Ethics Commission.

Sincerely,
Art Agnos

Evans, Derek

From: BeckyE <rebecae@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS)
Cc: Evans, Derek; Peskin, Aaron (BOS)
Subject: Support for Quentin Kopp appointment to the SF Ethics Commission

Chairman Safai and Members of the Rules Committee:

I regret that I cannot attend the Rules Committee hearing tomorrow to personally support the reappointment of retired Judge Quentin Kopp to the Ethics Commission.

As a fifty-year resident of San Francisco, I have shared points of view with Judge Kopp and I have tangled with him once or twice. I know him to be intelligent, knowledgeable and have the gravitas to serve in this very important role. (Irascibility is a good trait to have these days.)

Thank you for your consideration,

Rebecca Evans
San Francisco

Evans, Derek

From: Gwyneth Borden <gwyneth@ggra.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Safai, Ahsha (BOS)
Cc: Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS); Evans, Derek
Subject: Support for the reappointment of Judge Quentin L. Kopp to the Ethics Commission

February 21, 2017

The Honorable Ahsha Safai
Chair, Rules Committee, City and County of San Francisco
1 Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94103

Re: Support for the reappointment of Judge Quentin L. Kopp to the Ethics Commission

Dear Supervisor Safai:

The Golden Gate Restaurant Association (GGRA) was founded in 1936 by a group of San Francisco restaurateurs who recognized the need for an organization to speak on behalf of the local restaurant industry. Early issues GGRA addressed included racketeering and collective labor agreements — even the impact of food rationing during World War II. From that time until today, GGRA has brought the concerns of its members to legislators while keeping its members abreast of industry-related issues; that's why we regularly support qualified candidates that help oversee the role of government and assist in enforcing our laws.

GGRA faces many of the same challenges the founders did 81 years ago, and open and transparent government is important to our members and the overall integrity of our City government. As a long-term member of the business community, we support the reappointment of Judge Quentin L. Kopp. Judge Kopp we have every confidence that he will act in the best interests of not just our organization but all citizens of San Francisco.

As a Supervisor, Senator, Judge and Ethics Commissioner we have appreciated the integrity and conviction of his positions in the past, and so we are confident that he will continue act courageously and clearly for adherence and respect for the law and ethics rules and regulations.

I appreciate your time and effort and strongly urge you to support Judge Kopp to continue to serve as an esteemed member of the Ethics Commission.

Sincerely,

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Evans, Derek

From: RH <oxygeneditions@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:08 AM
To: Evans, Derek

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February 21, 2017

RE: Endorsement of Quentin Kopp for a Full Term on the Ethics Commission

Dear Mr. Evans:

I strongly urge the Rules Committee and the Board of Supervisors to keep Quentin Kopp on the Ethics Commission and not replace him with Kathleen Thurmond. He has much longer experience in government, as a Supervisor, State Senator, Judge, and Ethics Commissioner, while her experience pales in comparison and seems almost completely irrelevant for such a sharp and important position. The Ethics Commission always needs people who are willing to confront corruption, who have no axe to grind or people to protect, and who have no need to curry political favor or to dispense it.

The article in today's Examiner seems to demonstrate that she has no knowledge of San Francisco politics and ethical issues, and is plumping for this job out of personal and organizational animus against Mr. Kopp, and I suppose for another line on her tepid resume. Larry Bush is quoted as saying that three senior officers of Common Cause and other members told him that they would withdraw their objection to Mr. Kopp filling the full term if he would disengage from a lawsuit against Common Cause. It looks like you should not only endorse Mr. Kopp, but also ask the Ethics Commission to investigate Ms. Thurmond and Common Cause to discover the extent of their chicanery in this process.

It has been suggested that some people think diversity would be served by having a relatively inexperienced white woman replace an older, very San Francisco-savvy white Jewish man. Actually the Jews are a very small minority, so Kopp meets the definition of diversity with room to spare. He's always seemed pretty independent, and as a conservative he's also in a political minority in San Francisco. It's a good idea to have a principled conservative on the Ethics Commission who will have no political qualms about confronting local officials and others with hard facts.

Very truly yours,

Richard Hack
Oxygen Editions

Evans, Derek

From: Vivian Imperiale <zizivaga@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 6:32 PM
To: Evans, Derek
Subject: Fwd: Rules Committee and Quentin Kopp

Hello--

It was just suggested to me that I forward this to you for the file.

Thank you.

Vivian Imperiale

From: "Vivian Imperiale" <zizivaga@comcast.net>
To: "Norman Yee (BOS)" <norman.yee@sfgov.org>, "Sandra Fewer" <Sandra.Fewer@sfgov.org>, "Ahaha Safai" <Ahaha.Safai@sfgov.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 12:50:38 PM
Subject: Rules Committee and Quentin Kopp

Honorable Supervisors:

I may not agree with every stance of Quentin Kopp's over the years. But I have never for a moment questioned his brilliance, dedication to task, thoroughness, and ethical integrity. He belongs on the Ethics Commission.

Please support his continuation in that important role.

Thank you.

Vivian Imperiale

Evans, Derek

From: helengrieco@gmail.com on behalf of Helen Grieco <hgrieco@commoncause.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 10:31 AM
To: SafaiStaff (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Sandoval, Suhagey (BOS)
Cc: Evans, Derek
Subject: CA Common Cause response to Examiner

Greetings Rules Committee,

CA Common Cause response to the article in the Examiner yesterday about us and the Ethics Commission:

Kopp is wrong choice for Ethics Commission

<http://www.sfexaminer.com/kopp-wrong-choice-ethics-commission/>

“An independent City Ethics Commission is key to upholding the integrity of San Francisco’s campaign finance and ethics laws.” Common Cause wrote those words more than 20 years ago, in support of 1993’s Proposition K, which created the Ethics Commission.

We have remained a voice for robust ethics laws and enforcement in San Francisco. We campaigned for 2000’s Proposition O, which created The City’s public campaign financing program, and 2016’s Proposition T, which restricted gifts and campaign contributions from lobbyists, among other important reforms that collectively make San Francisco’s ethics laws some of the strongest in the nation.

-To protect these reforms, we adamantly oppose the reappointment of Quentin Kopp to the San Francisco Ethics Commission. Whatever his other contributions to this city and state, Kopp has taken the wrong side on too many of these issues — particularly public campaign financing, which is at the heart of San Francisco’s campaign finance reforms. To name a few:

— He opposed Prop. K: If voters had followed his advice, the Ethics Commission would not exist.

— He was an author of 1988’s Proposition 73, which would have prohibited public campaign financing in San Francisco.

— As a named plaintiff, he fought The City in the 1992 lawsuit that authorized San Francisco’s public financing program.

In 2016, when he applied to a partial term on the Ethics Commission, Kopp portrayed himself as open-minded on the issue of public campaign financing, despite his long history opposing it. But his subsequent actions show that he intends to continue undermining it.

Only three days after his appointment to the Ethics Commission, Kopp wrote to Gov. Jerry Brown, urging him to veto an Ethics Commission-supported bill on public campaign financing. After Gov. Brown signed the bill, Kopp personally joined a lawsuit to challenge the bill.

Contrary to claims published in the Examiner, Common Cause never sought for Kopp to remove his name from the lawsuit. On Dec. 22, our staff spoke with Friends of Ethics’ Larry Bush to discuss our concerns about Kopp’s reappointment. Bush voiced surprise that Kopp had filed the lawsuit and stated that he would ask Kopp to withdraw. We did not request this, and we did not indicate that Kopp’s withdrawal would affect our position on his reappointment. This latest lawsuit merely illustrates Kopp’s continued opposition to needed reforms.

For nearly 30 years and continuing today, Kopp has placed himself at odds with the Ethics Commission and its mission to implement San Francisco’s public financing program. If the Board of Supervisors were to reappoint Kopp to the Ethics Commission, it would be turning its back on public campaign financing and The City’s ethics system.

Helen Grieco

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Dear Mr. Evans,

It is my pleasure to recommend Kathleen Thurmond to serve on the San Francisco Ethics Commission. Kathleen is the chair of the Advisory Board for Alliance for Girls, the largest alliance of girls' organizations in the country with 150 members serving more than 300,000 girls and young women. I have been working with Kathleen for three years.

Kathleen is a strong and culturally sensitive communicator. Alliance for Girls' Advisory Board includes a wide variety of people including girls, direct service providers, corporate executives and elected officials. Kathleen is always fair and thoughtful when she leads the Advisory Board meetings, and is respected by all members of the board.

Kathleen is also ready and able to go the extra mile when it comes to issues of fairness and ethical conduct. For instance, Alliance for Girls was invited to participate in a committee to review the rape procedures of the San Francisco District Attorney's office. I was unable to attend the meetings. To make sure Alliance for Girls was represented and able to support the mission of the committee, Kathleen joined the committee instead, attending the meetings, and keeping me informed of the committee's progress.

As the Executive Director of Alliance for Girls, I meet with Kathleen bi-monthly. I have gotten to know her well. She is strong, unafraid to speak up for what is right. She is firm in her beliefs. She is always aware of who is not in the room, as much as who is, and makes sure all stakeholder voices are heard on critical issues.

I am confident that Kathleen Thurmond has the experience, ability, and knowledge of the issues to be an excellent member of the San Francisco Ethics Commission. Kathleen's leadership has enabled Alliance for Girls' success as a nonprofit, positively impacting the lives of hundreds of thousands of girls. I am confident that she will be a great asset to the commission.

Please feel free to call me if you have questions.

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Evans, Derek

From: Bill Twist <btwist@pachamama.org>
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 1:27 PM
To: Evans, Derek
Subject: Recommendation for seat on SF Ethics Commission

To the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to highly recommend Kathleen Thurmond for a seat on the San Francisco Ethics Commission.

I have known and worked with Kathleen for the past four years. As a volunteer, she has been part of a team that has helped our organization redesign our educational programs on environmental sustainability and social justice so as to be more attractive and useful to the business community.

I have been impressed by Kathleen's thorough and analytical approach to problem solving and the calm and supportive way that she works as a team member, stepping up and making her voice heard when necessary and easily stepping back and supporting other team members' views when appropriate. She knows how to and naturally contributes to building a highly functional team dynamic that I think is useful on any commission. She is also a person of the highest personal integrity with a strong ethical foundation rooted in a commitment to serve the common good.

For these reasons, coupled with her experience serving on the board of California Common Cause, I think she will be a highly contributing member of the San Francisco Ethics Commission and I strongly urge you to choose her for membership.

Sincerely,

Basil R. Twist, Jr.
President and Co-Founder, Pachamama Alliance Presidio Building 1009, 2nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94129
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San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco County, CA
Attn: Derek Evans

February 20, 2017

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing today to enthusiastically support Kathleen Thurmond's application for a seat on the San Francisco Ethics Commission. I first met Kathleen at the United Nations Conference for Women 4 years ago and we have since crossed paths many times in our efforts to serve women in the Bay Area and beyond who are navigating our current political, economic, and social climates. My approach to this vital work has been primarily through non-profit avenues, leading organizations like How Women Lead, Women's Funding Network, Rise Up and working with The Alliance for Girls, an organization to which Kathleen has shown a deep commitment.

Kathleen is an excellent candidate to serve on the San Francisco Ethics Commission. Her ongoing work as a board member for organizations like California Common Cause and Girls Inc. has given her the experience necessary to participate fully in the commission's work, and her drive to facilitate social change in regards to democracy, environmental concerns, gender equality, and social justice shows that she is uniquely motivated to encourage progress toward fair, equitable, and ethical practices in any arena. Kathleen's expertise in business and policy will serve her well in the commission's public policy reform efforts and regulation enforcement.

My experience with Kathleen has shown her to be an honorable and trustworthy member of the Bay Area community. She has always displayed a commitment to integrity in business and politics, and an unequivocal devotion to her community. I give her the highest recommendation without any reservations. If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. I wish you the best with your decision.

Sincerely,

Julie Abrams
CEO and Founder, How Women Lead,
a Bay Area Women Leaders Network



February 20, 2017

To:
The San Francisco Board of Supervisors
San Francisco, California

I write this letter with enthusiastic support of Kathleen Thurmond as a candidate for a seat on the Ethics Commission.

As I understand, the mission of the Commission is to practice and promote the highest standards of ethical behavior in government. I know Kathleen to uphold these same high standards as a business owner, trusted advisor, and advocate for women and girls. I have known Kathleen for over ten years having met during our time as members of Women President's Organization here in the Bay Area.

With her combination of expertise in business, non-profit, and policy, and her goals to facilitate social justice, she will bring tremendous experience and wisdom to the Commission. Her diverse skills, extensive and significant leadership positions in the public and private sector coupled with her commitment to life long learning make her an excellent candidate for this position.

Kathleen possesses great leadership skills and in particular is a thoughtful listener, a quality much needed in this role.

Thank you,

Cynthia Wilson
President
Wilsonwest
San Francisco Resident



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21 February 2017

Via Email

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
C/O Derek Evans
derek.evans@sfgov.org

SUBJECT: S.F. Ethics Commission application from Kathleen Thurmond

Dear Sirs and Madams:

This is to submit a letter of support for Kathleen Thurmond being named a member of the San Francisco Ethics Commission.

I have known Kathleen for over ten years, first from a mutual friend's highly regarded referral of her to meet, then since as a colleague and friend through our association with the National Association of Women Business Owners-San Francisco Bay Area (NAWBO-SFBA). Over the years I have had the pleasure of serving on Kathleen's NAWBO board of directors when she was president of the chapter, and now through serving with her on NAWBO's San Francisco Entrepreneurs Economic Institute (NAWBO-SF EEI) board.

Kathleen is a most kind, considerate, and respectful person. When it comes to her character, I have always known her to display the highest levels of integrity and ethics (since this is the focus of the Commission) and will be diligent in her responsibility to promote the highest standards of ethical behavior in government... which is a most crucial Commission to the City.

Kathleen will not be shy to voice her opinions, yet will always do it in such a way that will be level-headed and within reason. I just know she will be an asset and valued Commissioner, for all she will bring to the table.

If you have any questions, please just let me know.

Sincerely,

Syndi Seid
Founder/Director

NAWBO-SFBA Past President
NAWBO-EEI Secretary
SFSBN Past President

P.S. Although I now reside in Marin County, I was born and lived in San Francisco all my life until 4.5 years ago. Much of my business is still in S.F. and is still a part of my life greatly.

Kathleen Thurmond brings more than 20 years of executive experience in corporate and non-profit management. With her combination of expertise in business, non-profit, and policy, her goal is to facilitate change at a systemic level that will bring greater social justice, equality and reproductive rights.

Ms. Thurmond serves as a Past-President of the Board of NAWBO-SFBA (National Association of Women Business Owners and past Board Member of Girls Inc.. She currently serves as an Executive Board Member on the Board of California Common Cause, Member of NARAL Leadership Council and as a Senior Advisor, Advisory Board Chair of the Alliance for Girls and member of the business engagement team for Pachamama Alliance.

She is a business/non-profit consultant with who previously spent 12 years as the CEO of a uniform rental company in Southern California and 15 years in non-profit management. Ms. Thurmond holds a graduate certificate in Environmental Business from Presidio Graduate School, an MBA from the University of Southern California, an MSW from Washington University, and a BA from Southern Methodist University.

For Form:

Kathleen Thurmond brings more than 20 years of executive experience in corporate and non-profit management. With her combination of expertise in business, non-profit, and policy, her goal is to facilitate change at a systemic level that will bring greater democracy, social justice, equality and reproductive rights. She is a business/non-profit consultant with who previously spent 12 years as the CEO of a uniform rental company in Southern California working in partnership with the EPA and 15 years in non-profit management. Ms. Thurmond holds a Environmental certificate from Presidio Graduate School, an MBA from the University of Southern California, an MSW from Washington University, and a BA from Southern Methodist University.

Ms. Thurmond served as a Past-President of the Board of NAWBO-SFBA (National Association of Women Business Owners and past Board Member of Girls Inc.. She currently serves as a Board Member of NAWBO-SFBA Entrepreneurial Education Institute, Executive Board Member for California Common Cause, Member of NARAL Leadership Council and as a Senior Advisor, Advisory Board Chair of the Alliance for Girls and member of the business engagement team for Pachamama Alliance.

Early civic experience includes: Executive Board Member, Long Beach Chamber; AIDS Commission LA; President, Long Beach AIDS Consortium.

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To: The San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Re: Support of Kathleen Thurmond, Candidate for SF Ethics Commission

I am 33-year resident of San Francisco living in my second, single family home and serve on non-profit and civic boards, including ones for the City of San Francisco. I was appointed to the start-up of the Revenue Bond Oversight Committee for the Public Utilities Commission, reappointed, and elected Chair for 5 consecutive years. I currently serve on the Treasurer's Oversight Committee for the City and County of San Francisco. Previously, I was an owner of a national woman-owned and LBE investment banking firm which employed 7-10 employees locally specializing in financing state and local governments and served as both banker or financial advisor to several of the City's departments. Therefore, I understand the significant role of the Ethics Commission and required to follow its regulations and practices.

It is with this knowledge and experience that I write this letter of strong endorsement for Kathleen Thurmond as a candidate for a seat on the Ethics Commission.

I know Kathleen initially from our time as members of Women President's Organization and have since organized advocacy events with her. Her breadth of experience from the business world, including owning and managing her own business as well as consulting to family-owned businesses AND leadership positions in significant non-profit organizations enables her to bring varied experience and diverse knowledge to the Commission. Her advocacy for fairness and social justice has been consistent throughout all her work experience.

I know Kathleen to be open minded and willing to listen to others even while advocating her position. From my experience with Kathleen, she has always been trustworthy and ethical in our mutual pursuits. She has a proven record of leadership in both the business and not-for profit worlds and I have observed and been a beneficiary of her honest approach in assessing and facing challenges. As a member of the San Francisco community, I think adding fresh perspective and new participation from thoughtful community leaders to our City's institutions is vital.

Thank you.

Aimee Brown

Aimee Brown
San Francisco Resident and
Civic Participant

Evans, Derek

From: marily@ffwn.org on behalf of Marily Mondejar <marily@filipinawomensnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Fewer, Sandra (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS); Yee, Norman (BOS)
Cc: Evans, Derek; Kathleen Thurmond
Subject: Support for Kathleen Thurmond for Ethics Commission appointment (today!)

Dear Supervisors Asha Safai, Norman Yee, and Sandra Lee Fewer -

I hope this email reaches you in time for your Rules Committee hearing this afternoon.

I write to urge you to support Kathleen Thurmond's appointment to the Ethics Commission.

It is time to have new energy and new constituency in a very important commission.

With all due respect for Judge Quentin Kopp and his many valuable contributions to the City, I believe that this opportunity should be given to an outstanding individual who has a strong desire to serve the City of San Francisco and committed to ensure that we remain at the forefront while our current US administration appears to ignore our allegiance to ethics, good government, and honor. It is more important than ever for someone who has the entrepreneurial spirit to lead the charge.

Kathleen Thurmond has been on the front lines as the leader of NAWBO-SFBA (National Association of Women Business Owners representing her fellow entrepreneurs in helping break down barriers to opportunities especially in city and federal contracting for women and minorities. She has been a board member for various organizations and in the 10 years she has been involved she focused on numerous ethical issues in regard to multiple city, state and governmental entities.

Kathleen has the support of California Common Cause, a non-partisan, grassroots advocacy organization that urges public participation and ensures that public officials and public institutions are accountable and responsive to not just to their constituencies but to all citizens.

She currently serves as an Executive Board Member on the Board of California Common Cause, Member of NARAL Leadership Council and as a Senior Advisor and Executive Board member of the Alliance for Girls. She is a business/non-profit consultant who previously spent 12 years as the CEO of a uniform rental company in Southern California and 15 years in non-profit management. Ms. Thurmond holds a graduate certificate in Environmental Business from Presidio Graduate School, an MBA from the University of Southern California, an MSW from Washington University, and a BA from Southern Methodist University.

Maraming salamat!

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