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San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Subject: Meghan Thurlow's nomination for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Dear Supervisors,

I am honored to advocate for Meghan Thurlow to join the SF PUC.

From June 2022 through December 2024, I sat on the PUC Revenue Bond Oversight Committee, providing citizen oversight of the PUC's revenue bonds. After two decades of work in sustainable investing with institutional asset managers and data providers to those investors, in which I evaluated organizations' sustainability practices for an investor audience, I now provide financial advisory services to climate companies.

I am fortunate to have met Meghan during our Executive MBA studies at UC Berkeley Haas, which we both undertook while employed full-time at dynamic, fast-changing startups. Her deep technical expertise is evident, as is her intelligence. Her business acumen, pragmatism, and level-headedness are apparent to anyone who has worked with her. Her deep empathy, integrity, and mission orientation are what make her an exceptional addition to any group, but particularly to the PUC as it navigates the challenges of the effects of climate change, population growth, the needs of aging infrastructure, and concerns for rate fairness.

I have no doubt as to her commitment to San Francisco and to the goals of the PUC, and trust she will be a productive and valuable colleague to the current Commissioners.

Sincerely,

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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

The below listed summary of seats, term expirations and membership information shall serve as notice of vacancies, upcoming term expirations, and information on currently held seats, appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Appointments by other bodies are listed, if available.

Seat numbers listed as "VACANT" are open for immediate appointment. However, you are able to submit applications for all seats and your application will be maintained for one year, in the event that an unexpected vacancy or opening occurs.

### Membership and Seat Qualifications

Seat #	Appointing Authority	Seat Holder	Term Ending	Qualification
1	Mayor	Avni Jamdar	8/1/28	Shall be a member with experience in environmental policy and an understanding of environmental justice issues. Term: 4-years
2	Mayor	Joshua Arce	8/1/26	Shall be a member with experience in ratepayer or consumer advocacy. Term: 4-years
3	Mayor	Stephen Leveroni	8/1/28	Shall be a member with experience in project finance. Term: 4-years
4	Mayor	Kate Stacy	8/1/26	Shall be a member with expertise in water systems, power systems, or public utility management. Term: 4-years
5	Mayor	VACANT Term Expired 8/1/24 - Holdover Member Tony Rivera	8/1/28	Shall be an at-large member. Term: 4-years

Seats 1-5 are appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors.

(For seats appointed by other Authorities please contact the Board / Commission / Committee / Task Force (see below) or the appointing authority directly.)

### **FORM 700 FILING REQUIREMENT**

Pursuant to the Board of Supervisors Rules of Order all applicants applying for this body must complete and submit, with their application, a copy (**not original**) of a Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700). Applications will not be considered if a copy of Form 700 is not received.

#### **FORM 700 AVAILABLE HERE (Required)**

<https://www.fppc.ca.gov/Form700.html>

### **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

*Please Note: Depending upon the posting date, a vacancy may have already been filled. To determine if a vacancy for this Commission is still available, or if you require additional information, please call the Rules Committee Clerk at (415) 554-5184.*

**Next Steps:** Applicants who meet minimum qualifications will be contacted by the Rules Committee Clerk once the Rules Committee Chair determines the date of the hearing. Members of the Rules Committee will consider the appointment(s) at the meeting and applicant(s) may be asked to state their qualifications. The appointment of the individual(s) who is recommended by the Rules Committee will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

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The Public Utilities Commission shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the Mayor, and subject to confirmation by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Each of the members shall serve for a term of four years. Members may be removed by the Mayor only pursuant to Charter, Section 15.105 (Suspension and Removal).

- Seat 1: Shall be a member with experience in environmental policy and an understanding of environmental justice issues.
- Seat 2: Shall be a member with experience in ratepayer or consumer advocacy.
- Seat 3: Shall be a member with experience in project finance.
- Seat 4: Shall be a member with expertise in water systems, power systems, or public utility management.
- Seat 5: Shall be an at-large member.

The terms of office of members of the Public Utilities Commission who hold office on August 1, 2008 shall expire at noon on that date, and the members appointed pursuant to the Charter Amendment approved at the June 2008 Election shall succeed to said office at that time. In order to provide for staggered terms, the members appointed to Seats 2 and 4 shall serve for an initial term of two years from August 1, 2008. The remaining three members appointed to Seats 1, 3,

and 5 shall serve for an initial term of four years from August 1, 2008, and thereafter the terms of all members shall be four years.

The Commission shall have charge of the construction, management, supervision, maintenance, extension, operation, use and control of all water and energy supplies and utilities of the City as well as the real, personal and financial assets, which are under the Commission's jurisdiction on the operative date of this Charter, or assigned pursuant to Charter, Section 4.132.

Holdover Limit: Holdover tenure of commissioners is limited to 60 days after their terms expire. (Charter § 4.101.5.)

Authority: Charter, Section 4.112 (June 2008 Election, Proposition E), and Section 8B.120 (Preamble, added November 2002)

Sunset Date: None

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Support for Meghan Thurlow - PUC Appointment

Dear Board of Supervisors:

As a Mission District resident and owner of the San Francisco Institute of Esthetics and Cosmetology in the South of Market neighborhood, I strongly support Meghan Thurlow's appointment to the Public Utility Commission.

Having known Meg and her family for nearly a decade, I've witnessed her deep commitment to San Francisco's local businesses, sustainable transit, and resilient infrastructure. Her background in climate science and private sector experience will bring valuable perspective to the PUC.

I trust Meg's judgment to strike the necessary balance between helping our city become more resilient and ensuring that costs for essential services remain affordable for residents and small businesses alike. This balance is crucial to San Francisco's long-term sustainability and economic vitality.

As both a 23 year business owner in SOMA and a resident in the Mission, I recognize the pressing need for increased investment in stormwater management to reduce flooding risks in our neighborhoods. However, as someone who educates the next generation of salon entrepreneurs, I'm acutely aware of the significant water and sewer costs in the cosmetology industry. Meg's appointment would bring a perspective that understands both the necessity of infrastructure improvements and the importance of keeping utility services affordable for businesses like ours.

I encourage you to approve her appointment to the PUC.

Sincerely,

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Founder & Dean, San Francisco Institute of Esthetics and Cosmetology

May 9, 2025

**RE: Strong Support for the Appointment of Dr. Meghan Thurlow to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission**

Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of Dr. Meghan Thurlow's appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

Dr. Thurlow and I met during our MBA studies at UC Berkeley and have worked together in various capacities since. Today, she advises my company, Optama, on science, climate policy, and systems thinking as we develop water-efficient agricultural infrastructure for the Central Valley. From the start, it was clear that she approaches every problem with intellectual rigor, clarity, and a strong grasp of both technical detail and broader public impact.

What sets Dr. Thurlow apart is the way she sees complexity. She doesn't just analyze an issue from one vantage point—she looks at it from every angle, connecting the technical, environmental, social, and equity dimensions with clarity and foresight. She combines scientific fluency with practical wisdom, always anchoring her work in service of the public good.

Her background speaks volumes. As CTO of a climate tech company, she led technical strategy for multi-million-dollar public deployments impacting millions of Californians. She's worked directly with utilities, regulators, and frontline communities, translating high-stakes environmental data into actionable policies. Her academic foundation, rooted in climate science at Harvard and sharpened by policy training at Haas, gives her the unique ability to bridge worlds that too often remain siloed.

I believe Dr. Thurlow's presence on the Commission would bring additional scientific depth, regulatory fluency, and an unwavering commitment to equity, sustainability, and service. She is exactly the kind of commissioner I'd want representing San Francisco at this critical moment.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be helpful in reinforcing my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'MJ', is written over a large, loopy circular flourish that extends from the signature down towards the name 'Mark Jolley'.

Mark Jolley  
Co-Founder & CEO, Optama

May 9, 2025

RE: Support for Meghan Thurlow's Appointment to the SF Public Utility Commission

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Meghan Thurlow's appointment to the San Francisco Public Utility Commission.

As a lecturer at UC Berkeley's Haas School of Business, I have had the privilege of co-teaching an immersion course on Business and Public Policy with Meg for our executive MBA students. In this capacity, we collaborate closely to develop curriculum that connects business and governmental leaders in the areas of Climate, Health, and AI. Meg works particularly closely with our executive MBA cohort, helping them develop nuanced policy perspectives and strengthening their ability to evaluate policy choices from multiple viewpoints. Our students consistently find the course to be impactful, often citing Meg's guidance as instrumental in their preparation of policy positions and consideration of diverging viewpoints in their understanding of policy debates.

During our discussions following the course this past fall, Meg expressed her desire to find opportunities for public service in San Francisco. Her thoughtful reflections on the challenges facing urban communities and her commitment to contribute meaningfully to solutions impressed me greatly.

My assessment comes from over four decades of experience spanning public service and the private sector. I've served in senior roles at the U.S. State Department, in the U.S. Senate, and in the Clinton White House, before leading public affairs efforts at Fleishman Hillard and ACG Advocacy. These experiences have shown me the value of individuals who can effectively bridge public policy and business considerations.

Based on my experience working with Meg, I firmly believe she would be an asset to the Public Utility Commission in San Francisco. She is humble, reliable, and diligent in all her endeavors. Her collaborative approach fosters productive discussions and innovative solutions, even when addressing contentious issues. Most importantly, Meg is passionate about climate and communities, and she possesses the rare ability to take a systems-view when balancing competing priorities—a skill that is essential for effective public utility governance.

The San Francisco Public Utility Commission would greatly benefit from Meg's expertise, dedication, and balanced perspective. I strongly encourage you to approve her appointment.

Sincerely,

Kris Balderston

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