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Honorable Supervisor Shamann Walton, Chair
Honorable Supervisor Stephen Sherrill
Honorable Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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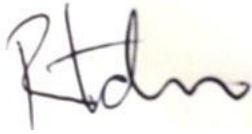
Dear Honorable Supervisor Shamann Walton, Honorable Supervisor Stephen Sherrill, and
Honorable Supervisor Rafael Mandelman,

On behalf of Asian Pacific American Community Center (APACC), I write to express our strong support for the reappointment of Carmen Chu as City Administrator. I have personally known Ms. Chu since she was the budget director when Governor Gavin Newsom was mayor of San Francisco. She has worked closely with the community to better understand their needs. She has always supported Visitacion Valley services and programs. There have been many times over the years that I have seen her at community events participating as a volunteer or as a visitor to meet with community members. Ms. Chu works tirelessly to find innovative solutions to complex problems.

Throughout her two decades in public service, Carmen Chu has built a distinguished record as a champion of good government, focused on transparency, fiscal responsibility, operational excellence, and delivering results for the public. Her career reflects a deep and long-lasting commitment to improving how government works for the people—serving as the Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee as District 4 Supervisor; modernizing operations and improving customer service as the Assessor-Recorder; and advancing improvements to core City operations as the City Administrator so that San Francisco can respond more effectively to constituents' needs.

For these reasons, APACC respectfully urges the Board of Supervisors to confirm Carmen Chu's reappointment as City Administrator. Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to the people of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Rex Tabora
Executive Director
APACC

January 12, 2026

The Honorable Supervisor Shamann Walton, Chair
Supervisor Stephen Sherrill, Vice Chair
Supervisor Rafael Mandelman
Rules Committee
City and County of San Francisco
Board of Supervisors

Dear Rules Committee Members,

It is with great pleasure and without reservation that I write in strong support of the reappointment of Carmen Chu to another five-year term as City Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Chu in my capacity as a Commissioner at the Department of the Status of Women. During this time, she provided steady and effective leadership during a departmental staffing transition. Her responsibilities included supporting interim senior leadership appointments while actively engaging community stakeholders to ensure continuity of public services.

Ms. Chu brings a unique combination of empathy, critical thinking, and leadership to her work, enabling her to approach complex challenges in public service with both creativity and pragmatism. She is an effective and thoughtful communicator who bridges local government, nonprofit organizations, and the communities they serve. Through her leadership, she consistently fosters a collaborative and supportive environment and demonstrates a deep and stellar commitment to public service.

I am confident that Carmen Chu will continue to excel as City Administrator and will bring tremendous value to the City and County of San Francisco.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Ani Rivera
Vice President, Commission on the Status of Women
District 10 Constituent
Art & Culture, LGBTQ and Latine Community Leader



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January 8, 2026

San Francisco Board of Supervisors
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**Re: Letter of Support for the Reappointment of Carmen Chu as City
Administrator**

Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the API Council, a coalition of over 50 San Francisco nonprofits dedicated to building the voice, visibility, and reach of Asian and Pacific Islander (API) communities, I am writing to express our strong support for the reappointment of Carmen Chu as Administrator. APIC represents community-based organizations, advocates, and leaders committed to advancing equity, transparency, and inclusive governance for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities, and for all residents we serve.

Since the API Council's inception over a decade ago, we have had the privilege of working closely with Ms. Chu in every role she has held with the City—first as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, then as Assessor-Recorder, and now as City Administrator. Across each of these roles, she has consistently been a trusted and reliable partner to our coalition, demonstrating genuine care, attentiveness, and a sustained commitment to the needs of our community. We are deeply grateful for the constant energy, thoughtfulness, and attention she has devoted to this partnership. Her long-standing willingness to engage, listen, and collaborate has strengthened the API Council's work and reinforced the importance of meaningful, long-term government–community relationships.

Throughout her tenure, Ms. Chu has demonstrated exceptional leadership, sound judgment, and a deep commitment to public service. She brings a rare combination of institutional knowledge, operational excellence, and values-driven leadership that is essential to the effective functioning of government. Her thoughtful, data-informed approach has consistently reflected an understanding of how administrative decisions directly affect communities on the ground.

Ms. Chu approaches equity as a practical responsibility embedded in how government operates. Her leadership reflects a clear understanding that decisions related to contracting, procurement, technology, and service delivery have lasting impacts on immigrant communities and smaller nonprofit and business partners. Her focus on modernization and process improvement has strengthened access, reduced barriers, and improved government responsiveness.

Equally important, Ms. Chu has demonstrated a strong commitment to engaging diverse communities and strengthening cross-sector partnerships, while ensuring that government processes remain fair, accountable, and effective. These qualities are critical to building public trust and delivering services that meet the needs of San Francisco's diverse residents.

As the first Asian American woman to serve as City Administrator, Ms. Chu's continued service carries meaningful significance for the City's commitment to inclusive leadership and representative governance. Her tenure reflects not only professional excellence, but also the expectation that Asian American and Pacific Islander communities are integral to the City's leadership and decision-making structures.

APIC firmly believes that Carmen Chu's continued service as Administrator will provide stability, continuity, and strong leadership. We respectfully urge you to support her reappointment. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss our support further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



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