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The Honorable George Gascón
District Attorney
City and County of San Francisco
850 Bryant Street, Room 322
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Gascón:

Many thanks again for meeting with us in April. My colleagues and I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you, and we are excited that our work together is moving forward.

I am writing regarding the resolution between the District Attorney's Office (SFDA) and the City and County of San Francisco in connection with work valued in excess of \$100,000. I have been asked to provide reasons why PRJ invited SFDA to participate in this initiative, a description of the nature of the technical assistance being provided by PRJ, and the estimated financial value of the work.

SFDA is committed to adhering to values of justice and equity in protecting the safety and rights of the people it serves. It was due to the office's leadership in this regard, as well as its size, data management capacity and willingness to use innovative, data-driven strategies, that PRJ invited SFDA to partner on the initiative described below.

PRJ will provide in-kind research to enhance prosecutorial accountability and performance within SFDA. Through this partnership, PRJ will work collaboratively with SFDA to analyze data about the exercise and impacts of prosecutorial discretion, develop routine policies and practices that promote fairness, efficiency and professionalism in prosecution, and provide technical assistance to help prosecutors implement those measures. By partnering with PRJ, SFDA stands to gain additional mechanisms for monitoring the exercise of prosecutorial discretion and promoting racial equity in its daily operations. The technical assistance provided by PRJ is valued at an estimated \$408,000 for an 18 month work period.

Please let me know if you should require any further information or documentation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Whitney Tymas". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and is positioned above the printed name.

Whitney Tymas
Director, Prosecution and Racial Justice Program