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Rules Committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

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City Hall, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: Support of Reappointment of Jennifer Friedenbach to Our City Our Home Oversight Committee
(Seat 8)

October 30, 2025

About the organization: Compass Family Services is a 100+ year old nonprofit working on the front lines of San Francisco's homeless crisis. We provide families experiencing or at risk of homelessness with comprehensive support to address immediate needs and ensure long-term success.

To Supervisors Walton, Mandelman, and Sherrill:

Thank you for your consideration of the re appointment of Jennifer Friedenbach to the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee. We are writing to communicate our vociferous support for Ms. Friedenbach's re appointment to this oversight body.

Compass Family Services is proud to be the largest family homelessness service provider in the City and County of San Francisco. The positive impact Ms. Friedenbach has had on the wellbeing of San Francisco's at-risk families and the social safety net in place to serve these families is difficult to understate. Prior to the passage of Proposition C, San Francisco's spending on family homelessness was not commensurate with the real and pressing need of this hidden population. Thanks to her tireless work to design and pass Proposition C, we now operate in a service ecosystem where families getting the interventions and resources they need to avoid unsheltered homelessness is the norm and not the exception. Maintaining subpopulation – specific spending basements for any revenue stream in place to address the crisis of homelessness is a local policy paradigm shift driven by the tireless work of Ms. Friedenbach.

Ms. Friedenbach's encyclopedic knowledge of the homeless emergency response system and correlated regulations, and willingness to generously share that knowledge with providers and advocates, is a huge value add to any collaborative effort to improve upon the family response system. Her position on OCOH is a crucial platform for Ms. Friedenbach to drive accountability from providers, policymakers and advocates in fidelity with past legislative improvements on behalf of at-risk families. Her strategic thinking and uncanny ability to identify policy solutions that placate diverse voices is a huge part of what makes OCOH effective.

Perhaps most crucially, Ms. Friedenbach asks all of us to consistently and unfailing practice community-driven policy development. She models the practice of requiring a seat at every decision-making table for individuals with lived experience. Our response system is more nimble, more well-resourced, more culturally responsive, and more humane because of it.



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We urge you to reappoint Ms. Friedenbach to Seat 8 of the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any additional questions about what we have included here.

Sincerely,

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