



March 10, 2023

Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Homeless Oversight Commission: Letter of Support for Katie Albright

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

My name is Erica Kisch and I am the CEO of Compass Family Services, San Francisco's most comprehensive provider of services to homeless families, and am writing in strong support for Katie Albright to serve as a commissioner on the Homeless Oversight Commission.

I have worked with Katie for many years in her capacity as the Chief Executive Officer of Safe & Sound. Katie has a clear and demonstrated commitment to our City, and has made lasting, positive impact in the lives of children, parents, and caregivers throughout the community. She is highly effective in developing public-private partnerships and non-profit collaborations that address complex social problems, which will serve her well on this Commission. I am confident that she will work to co-create solutions to help people end their homelessness, and also evolve how we as a City approach one of the most challenging issues of our time.

Under her leadership, Safe & Sound—named one of nine best primary abuse prevention practices in the country—has launched local and statewide initiatives that have improved family outcomes, contributing to a 67% reduction in rate of child abuse and 61% reduction in entries into foster over a 15 year period in San Francisco. At the start of the COVID crisis, Katie and I partnered directly to establish a multi-sector, public private partnership mobilizing emergency relief for 43,000+ individuals and raising \$25M+ for families in San Francisco. She co-founded the Children's Advocacy Center of San Francisco and merged with The Center for Youth Wellness, Kid'sTurn, and multiple children-serving organizations to provide expanded trauma-informed and evidence-based services to families from diverse communities.

Katie's experience has given her unique insight into how this City works and the needs of the community. She has a deep understanding of the components of mental wellbeing and behavioral health, as well as the respective service delivery systems, community providers, and funding options. She is an expert on matters of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and child maltreatment prevention, family strengthening, community engagement, and non-profit governance, all of which will greatly benefit her perspective in serving on the Commission.

I have tremendous confidence that Katie will work well on this Commission to advance the intent of San Francisco's voters to provide oversight, accountability, and meaningful opportunities for public engagement. For these reasons, I respectfully recommend that you approve her nomination to serve on the Homeless Oversight Commission.

Respectfully,

Erica Kisch, LCSW  
CEO