

July 29, 2019

To: Rules Committee,
SF Board of Supervisors
1 Dr Carlton B Goodlett Pl #244,
San Francisco, CA 94102

From: Supporters of Julie Roberts-Phung

Re: DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee Appointment

This is a letter in support of Julie Roberts-Phung's application to serve as a member of the DCYF Oversight and Advisory Committee.

Julie brings a community organizer background, experience with racial equity tools (including the Government Alliance on Race and Equity - GARE approach), and a decade of personal and professional commitment to working for racial justice for San Francisco families as a co-founder of the San Francisco Families Union and one of the founding members of Showing Up for Racial Justice - SF.

Allison Collins, SF Board of Education Commissioner *

Kevine Boggess, Coleman Advocates *

Diane Gray, 100% College Prep *

Lai Wa Wu, Chinese Progressive Association *

Jeremiah Jefferies, Teachers For Social Justice *

Mari Villaluna, Parent Voices *

Allyson Bravmann, League of Pissed Off Voters *

Sharif Zakout, AROC *

Alida Fisher, SFUSD Community Advisory Committee for Special Education, SFUSD LCAP Task Force *

Melissa Daar Carvajal, PTA Board Mission High School *

Brandee Marckmann, Sutro Elementary School SSC *

Arienne Adamčíková, Bilingual Spanish teacher & CTA member *

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Young, Victor (BOS)

From: M Villaluna <marivillaluna@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 12:48 PM
To: Young, Victor (BOS)
Subject: Out of Town

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Hi Victor and SF Supervisors,

Due to a Queer Family Camp that I planned months ago with my little I am not able to attend yet I am still highly interested in the volunteer advisory appointment. I currently have a childcare subsidy and a toddler so I am applying for seat #9 that corresponds with that qualification. I have sent in my application, resume, and did a interview and got childcare all at the same time as a low-income solo parent to apply for this volunteer position to serve as a public servant and advise how to make our city more accessible to the families and children that are still left in this city.

Here's the over letter I sent to DCYF:

To Whom It May Concern:

I am highly interested in applying for the vacancy for Seat #9 on the Department of Children and Youth Fund Oversight and Advisory Committee. I have been a childcare and youth advocate for over two decades. I started out as a youth in doing advocacy and organizing with the fight for NO on Prop 21, which lead me to me the San Francisco Youth Commission. It was only until I became pregnant and became a parent that I realized how much our childcare system is broken. There are no affordable childcare options, I was working my dream job supporting students with disabilities in finding their first time jobs and I couldnt afford childcare on that salary (For for about my story: <https://www.latimes.com/business/93425386-132.html> and <https://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-women-dropping-out-20170522-story.html>)

I didn't know having a child would mean the death of my career. I fight tirelessly everyday so my situation doesn't happen to one more parent.

I collected signatures from voters to get Prop C on the ballot. My child and I spent dozens of hours dropping literature at hundreds of houses in SF, I personally talked to 1,000 voters to see if they shared in my values of childcare for all and they agreed and they said they would vote for Prop C. The voters agreed, they passed baby prop C.

Im born and raised in this city, and im one of the few families who are left in this city fighting everyday to stay here. Im here fighting for the next seven generations like my child to have access to quality affordable childcare in SF. I am on a city childcare subsidy, for my child receive part time early childcare education.

I cannot think no one more qualified with the life, organizing, and advocacy experience than myself. I am a Parent Leader on Parent Voices, a parent lead advocacy organization. I am also the Family Power Lead at Our Family Coalition, a LGBTQ2S+ Family Advocacy and Services non-profit organization. I am a low-income parent of a toddler who lives in District 9, and I am born and raised in this city.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mari Villaluna
District 9 Parent of a toddler

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Living on Unceded Raymatush Ohlone Territory in the Ohlone Village of Yelamu