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Victor Young, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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RE: Mayoral Appointment, Public Utilities Commission – Kate Stacy

Dear Mr. Young:

My name is Thomas Long and I am the Director of Regulatory Strategy for The Utility Reform Network (TURN), the San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of utility consumers. I write, in my personal capacity, in strong support of the appointment of Kate Stacy to the Public Utilities Commission.

I have known Kate for over 40 years as both a friend and work colleague. Kate's integrity, experience, and devotion to public service would make her an ideal member of the Public Utilities Commission. In her decades of service as the City's chief land use attorney, Kate was a leader in helping to provide solutions to the challenges of meeting the needs of San Francisco's diverse residents and businesses. One of her most notable achievements was leading the efforts to prepare a comprehensive environmental impact report under CEQA for the City's \$4 billion Water System Improvement Program, work that required close coordination with SFPUC staff to prepare a careful analysis of environmental impacts of the Program in the watersheds and on the water supply. Kate has always been committed to environmental justice and reducing the impacts of human-induced climate change and will bring that focus to her position on the Commission.

Kate's energy, thoughtful preparation, insight, and sound judgment will distinguish her as a Commissioner. She is a personable and diplomatic colleague who will work well with her fellow Commissioners and SFPUC staff. Kate is always willing to learn more about the issues she faces and is undaunted by complexity, which will be important given the depth and breadth of the matters that come before the SFPUC. I am confident that Kate will make well-informed decisions based on what she thinks is right for the residents and businesses served by the SFPUC.

For all of these reasons, I strongly urge you to approve Kate's appointment. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, *Thomas J. Long*

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Dear Mr. Young,

Attached please find my letter in support of the appointment of Kate Stacy to the Public Utilities Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Thomas Long

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September 19, 2022

Re: Kate Stacy Mayoral Appointment to SFPUC Commission

Dear Rules Committee Members:

My name is Irina Torrey and I live in the Richmond district. A year ago, I retired as the Manager of the Bureau of Environmental Management at the SFPUC. I strongly support Kate Stacy's appointment to the SFPUC Commission.

In 2006, the Water System Improvement Program (WSIP) was our top priority. Working with the Planning Department, we built the Bureau of Environmental Management to ensure compliance of the Program with all State, federal and City environmental laws and regulations. Hundreds of environmental documents were certified and approved. We also integrated environmental impact prevention measures into project designs and created the first Environmental Construction Compliance Program in the City. Kate Stacy's advice was instrumental to our accomplishment of these goals and the \$4.7 billion WSIP is now complete.

As manager of the City Attorney's Land Use Team, Kate led all legal reviews of draft CEQA documents. For these reviews, it is essential to be objective and to understand the intricacies of the subject matter. For the SFPUC, this means knowing how dams, reservoirs, pipelines, and treatment plants are built and how they function. This knowledge is invaluable in setting policies for water, power, and sewer infrastructure.

With the highest integrity and steadfast on compliance, Kate focuses on the essence of things, not wasting effort on irrelevant minutia. Kate commands high respect, and speaking the language of engineers, planners, scientists, and project managers, she invariably achieves cooperation and consensus.

Kate Stacy will bring a high level of decision making to the SFPUC and therefore I strongly urge you to approve Kate's appointment. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

With my best wishes,
Irina Torrey

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Re: Mayoral Appointment, Public Utilities' Commission - Kate Stacy

Dear Rules Committee Members,

My name is Louise Renne, and I am a former City Attorney for San Francisco. I am writing in strong support of Kate Stacy's appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

I have known Kate Stacy for a number of years going back to her time in the San Francisco City Attorney's Office as a Deputy City Attorney.

Kate is a highly skilled attorney, well-versed in environmental law and the issues with which the Public Utilities Commission must be concerned. Above all, she is a wonderful person, kind and polite to all. She has a delightful sense of humor.

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In short, Kate would be an excellent addition to the Public Utilities Commission.

Sincerely,



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