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San Francisco Employees' Retirement System

City and County of San Francisco Employees' Retirement System Office of the Executive Director

To: Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

From: Jay Huish *JH*
Executive Director

Date: December 12, 2014

Re: Board of Supervisors Inquiry Reference No. 20141209-004

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Responses to request for information from Supervisor Avalos:

Requesting the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System to inform their review of the re-appointment of Wendy Paskin-Jordan, including the following:

A history of the Retirement System's business with Grantham Mayo van Otterloo (GMO) since Paskin-Jordan was appointed to the Retirement Board.

Commissioner Paskin-Jordan was appointed to the Retirement Board in August 2010. In approximately 1996, SFERS engaged GMO as a discretionary investment manager in its GMO Emerging Country Debt Fund. GMO has managed SFERS assets in that fund continuously since 1996. No investment decision regarding GMO has been brought before the Retirement Board since Commissioner Paskin-Jordan was appointed to the Board.

A review to determine if the Retirement System does or has done business with any of the individuals or entities that Wendy Paskin-Jordan invests in or has received gifts from, as listed on her Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests.

SFERS reviewed Commissioner Paskin-Jordan's Form 700 Statements of Economic Interests since her appointment in August 2010. The Retirement Board has or had investments in three of the companies identified on her Form 700s: Bank of America; Barclays Global Investors; and GMO Quality. SFERS owns Bank of America public equity and fixed income securities in its index funds. SFERS purchased Barclays Global Investors in 1998. Blackrock acquired Barclays Global Investors in approximately December 2009. SFERS purchased GMO Emerging Country Debt Fund in approximately 1996. Commissioner Paskin-Jordan invested in GMO Quality, a publicly traded mutual fund.

Paskin-Jordan's attendance record at Retirement Board meetings.

The Retirement Board has held 59 full Board meetings since Commissioner Paskin-Jordan's appointment in August 2010. The Commissioner attended 54 meetings. She was absent on the following dates: December 14, 2010; February 8, 2012; February 19, 2014; May 21, 2014; and June 18, 2014.

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A list of votes that Paskin-Jordan was recused from.

At the April 10, 2013 Retirement Board meeting, the Board considered the following item: "Consideration of Level I and Level II Engagement of Certain Bank Mortgage Servicing Companies Under the SFERS Social Investment Policies and Procedures". Commissioner Paskin-Jordan recused herself from this vote because she owned bank stock (Bank of America).