

February 27, 2023

Honorable Matt Dorsey
Honorable Shamann Walton
Honorable Ahsha Safai
Members of the Rules Committee
SF Board of Supervisors
City and County of San Francisco
City Hall
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Appointment of Victoria Gray
Historic Preservation Commission

Dear Supervisors Dorsey, Supervisor Walton and Supervisor Safai:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Historic Preservation Commission.

It is my understanding that Ms. Victoria Gray will come before your Committee today to be considered for an appointment to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Ms. Gray is a native San Franciscan. After completing her education, she made a conscious decision to move back to the City to raise her two young children to share her love and experience of the important attributes San Francisco offers, and is now expressing a serious interest in serving on the Historic Preservation Commission to help us preserve, protect and promote our cultural and historical resources.

She will be replacing Commissioner Richard Johns who currently holds the seat as a historian. This seat must be filled by an individual meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards for history with specialized training and/or demonstrable experience in North American or Bay Area history. Currently, Ms. Gray is a practicing Art Historian using her expertise in her work on a daily basis through her work as Head of the SF Office of Bonhams.

I believe that her academic and professional knowledge and expertise will be a great benefit and contribution to our Commission and ask for your favorable consideration of her appointment.

Thank you very much for your attention and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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