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San Francisco Board of Supervisors - Rules Committee 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place City Hall, Room 244 San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Re: Letter of Recommendation for Larry Griffin to the San Francisco Recreation & Parks Commission

Dear Rules Committee:

I am president of the San Francisco Firefighters Local 798 and I am writing to lend my full support for the nomination of Larry Griffin to the City & County of San Francisco Recreation & Park Commission. SF Firefighters IAFF Local 798 represents over 1,700 Firefighters and Paramedics.

Over the years, I have gotten to know Larry on a personal and professional basis. Larry is a proud native son of San Francisco; therefore, he has deep community roots. One of many, great examples of Larry's undeniable commitment to his community is that he served as the former President of the Booker T. Washington Foundation, where he led the rebuilding efforts for this organization, as well as the creation of the organization's supportive housing units for at risk youth.

As a Union leader myself, I am aware that Larry has served in several leadership roles in IFPTE Local 21, including Chapter President of our At Large Chapter, Chair of our San Francisco Political Action Committee, Vice President for Membership, Vice President for Political and Legislative Affairs and Western Region Vice President for our international, IFPTE.

Also, Larry previously served on the San Francisco Fire Commission, and I know that he would bring the same level of dedication and commitment to this appointment, as well.

In my humble opinion, I believe Larry would make an excellent commissioner! Larry has the breadth of experience, commitment, and passion to make him a formidable choice for this appointment.

Best Regards,

Shon Buford President

San Francisco Firefighters Local 798