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**Subject:** Support Of Petra DeJesus

Hello,

For the record, I apologize for the delay in writing this, but I am in support of Petra DeJesus for another term on the Police Commission. Ms. DeJesus is a Latina queer woman who not only adds to the diversity of the commission, but has a record of getting things done, including body cameras, firings of rogue and bigoted officers, use of force reforms, and galvanizing the movement to stop tasers, among others. She always follows the community's recommendations and wants the best practices implemented.

As a transgender and autistic woman, I am often at risk for abuse by police officers and Ms. DeJesus is somebody who serves with compassion and competence, and would be a voice I can trust when lives are on the line. I also have been heartbroken by the police violence against black and Latinx folk, and we need an independent voice to make sure the police are being held responsible for misdeeds.

Furthermore, I currently serve as the Tenant Representative on the Single Room Occupancy Task Force\*. SRO Tenants include many people of color, immigrants, trans, queer, disabled, seniors, youth, and poor people, and those who live in residential hotels are often subject to harassment and mistreatment by the police, and have an understandable lack of trust that Petra DeJesus is helping to address.

The police commission has gone with a vacancy for too long, and although I am glad Ms. Miranda withdrew her application, there is another applicant who is a straight white male corporate attorney who has little experience with this issue, and he must not be allowed to replace Ms. DeJesus on the police commission. Furthermore, I am dismayed at the pettiness that has delayed DeJesus' reappointment, the Rules committee needs to make appointment decisions based on qualifications, experience, diversity, and temperament, not on politics.

Please reconfirm Petra DeJesus, lives are on the line, and we cannot afford any more delays.

-Jordan Davis

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