



January 26, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support and reference for Jesus Guillen in regards to his attendance at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International AIDS Conference.

I have known Jesus for over 15 years, in particular during his time as a council member on the HIV Health Services Planning Council – which later merged with the HIV Prevention Council to become the HIV Community Planning Council.

Jesus' accomplishments are many. Besides his excellent work while serving on the Planning Council (starting in 2009), Jesus was also a member of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council (starting in 2015) which engaged with the senior-serving continuum, and was a part of the LGBTQ Research Initiative (in 2021) which focused on challenges with mental health experienced by that community. Jesus is also a talented innovator: in 2015, he founded the HIV Long-Term Survivors International Network to create an international forum of support for that community; in the 1990s he co-founded the esteemed community-based agency Aguilas.

My work with Jesus has shown me a person who consistently and passionately advocates for diverse communities, with a strong focus on the senior and long-term survivor communities, those impacted and affected by HIV, and all communities that are underserved, experiencing stigma and systemic inequalities, and who are underrepresented on public policy and health services bodies. As a person living with HIV himself, Jesus has illustrated the importance of having an HIV-positive peer advocating for services and providing both support and leadership to his community. Jesus' desire to be of service and to advocate for those whose voices aren't heard is palpable and a central part of who he is as both a professional and a human being.

Jesus is one of the most committed and dedicated advocates that I have ever worked with in my career. His compassion and the strength of his voice are entirely admirable. He never hesitates to draw upon his own challenges and the experiences that have impacted his life, and he can always be counted on to speak on behalf of the clients that he has and continues to serve. I am very happy to highly recommend him for any of his endeavors and I strongly endorse him for attendance at the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual International AIDS Conference.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mark Molnar'.

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January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am delighted to write this recommendation letter for a wonderful person like Mr. Jesus Guillen. In the few years I have known him, he has demonstrated to be hardworking, responsible, and reliable.

Jesus has been a treasured consultant to our *Well Connected Español* community and continues to be a valuable partner. We have enjoyed all his contributions, and our participants enjoy his teachings.

*Well Connected Español* is a national phone and online community that brings people together to explore, learn, laugh, and share experiences. *Well Connected Español* (WCE) is a Front Porch Community Service and is available, free of charge, to adults over the age of 60. As part of our free yearly content, we offer many different groups with diverse content topics. Jesus has been able to contribute to these groups with his knowledge, charisma, and time. We know we can always count on Jesus to help throughout the year.

Jesus does not just volunteer with our WCE community but is also involved in his local community. He is constantly seeking ways to advocate and better the lives of those around him. Jesus has an enormous heart and a giving spirit. His joy is contagious, and he can light up any room. It is an absolute honor to know and work with him on projects.

I highly recommend Mr. Guillen as a strong candidate for your scholarship for AIDS 2024.

Please feel free to contact me for further information.

Thank You,

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**DAVID J. ROBINSON**  
**PRESIDENT**  
**HAYES VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

February 23, 2024

Members of the Rules Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Supervisor Ronen, Walton, and Safai,

I will be attending the Rules Committee meeting on Monday morning as an applicant for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Seat on the Market Octavia Community Advisory Committee (MOCAC).

I was proposed to this committee a year or so ago, by longtime Member Robin Levitt, and I attended a few of their meetings as a resident.

About me, I own a home on Page Street, in Hayes Valley, a few doors from the Octavia/Page intersection. I am a Board member of the *Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association*, and as of last night's Annual Meeting, elected to serve as President for this new term. As you can imagine, I am very active in the Community, not only with the Association, but assisting ***Friends of the Urban Forest*** in tree planting, ***RefuseRefuse and Civic Joy's*** initiative to *Clean the Streets* every Saturday, as Co-Captain in our neighborhood, and even pitching in to clean the clogged drains in our valley, as recently as during last Tuesday's deluge! I also assist with the Court Watch initiative, and in my spare time work in Guest Services at Oracle Park (Go Giants!).

I spent 35+ years as a General Manager in the private club industry (most recently at the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere) and I am now semi-retired and working as a consultant and executive recruiter for my industry. My years of management, particularly for volunteer organizations like private clubs, provided me with the skills and experience in volunteer governance, not to mention patience.

As HVNA President, and active and concerned resident in our neighborhood, I am looking forward to offering my experience and energy with MOCAC.

I look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,



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c: Robin Levitt, Member  
Victor Young, City of San Francisco