From:	Barklee Sanders
To:	Young, Victor (BOS); Walton, Shamann (BOS)
Subject:	Fwd: Letter of Support for Barklee Sanders – Veteran Board Appointment (Seat 9)
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------ Forwarded message ------From: **Cornelius Sangster** <<u>corneliussangster@gmail.com</u>> Date: Fri, Mar 7, 2025 at 2:33 PM Subject: Letter of Support for Barklee Sanders – Veteran Board Appointment (Seat 9) To: Barklee Sanders <<u>barkleesanders@gmail.com</u>>

Hey Sanders! Please Review

Dear Supervisor Walton and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer my full support for Barklee Sanders' appointment to Seat 9 on the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commission. Having known Barklee for over a decade, I can personally attest to his dedication, leadership, and deep commitment to improving the lives of veterans.

Barklee and I first met in 2014 at Fort Gordon during Advanced Individual Training (AIT), where we trained as 25U (Signal Support Systems Specialists). From the start, Barklee demonstrated outstanding problem-solving skills, a strong work ethic, and a natural ability to lead and support his fellow service members. Since graduating AIT, we have maintained a close friendship and collaborated on multiple projects, particularly in supporting lower-income communities through SFIOO. His ability to create real, impactful change is evident in all he does.

One of Barklee's most significant contributions to the veteran community is his development of the GPA Bot, a tool that has streamlined the VA benefits application process. With this technology, he has helped veterans—myself included—secure 100% of their benefits in just two hours, bypassing the standard 125-day VA processing time. This system has saved veterans over 100 days of waiting, ensuring they receive the support they deserve without delays or bureaucratic hurdles.

Barklee is a dedicated advocate for veterans, an innovative problem-solver, and a leader who takes action to improve the lives of those who have served. His appointment to the Veterans Affairs Commission would bring valuable expertise, fresh solutions, and a tireless commitment to ensuring veterans in San Francisco receive the care, support, and representation they need.

For these reasons, I strongly encourage you to support Barklee Sanders' appointment. San Francisco's veterans deserve a leader like him—someone who truly understands their needs and works tirelessly to create solutions. Please feel free to reach out if you require any further information.

With deep respect and appreciation for your time and consideration,

Sincerely,

Cornelius Kendall Sangster II