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September 16, 2024

Re: Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee Avni Jamdar (PUC)

To:
Rules Committee
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

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Antonio Díaz
Executive Director
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Dr. Adetola Shabi
Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Emerald Cities Collaborative

September 13, 2024

Honorable Supervisor/Chairman Shamann Walton
Honorable President/Member Aaron Peskin
Honorable Supervisor/Member Ahsha Safai
Attn: Victor Young - SFBOS Rules Committee
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Assistant to the Business Manager

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Cc: Oscar De La Torre, NCDCL Business Manager & LIUNA Vice President-At-Large



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As national president/CEO of Emerald Cities Collaborative for 12 years. I have worked closely with Avni in her role as regional director of the SF/Bay Area office. She now has over 13 years of experience at Emerald Cities working collaboratively with community, government, and private sector stakeholders to develop solutions to help shape a just and inclusive green economy for Bay Area residents. She has a collaborative approach, and steadfast focus on advancing a triple bottom-line vision-environment, economy and equity. One such example is a Community Workforce Agreement negotiated with the building trades, community and workforce organizations. The five-month long process underscored the power of collective bargaining and community-focused commitments.

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Name: Denise G. Fairchild, Ph.D.
Title: President Emerita, 2021 ClimateBreakthrough Awardee
Organization: Emerald Cities Collaborative



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October 5, 2024

To: Board of Supervisors Rules Committee

Re: Support for SFPUC nominees Avni Jamdar and Joshua Arce

The Sierra Club supports the appointment of Avni Jamdar and Joshua Arce to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). Both nominees have strong environmental credentials and impressed us with their subject matter expertise. We urge you to approve their appointments.

The Sierra Club is an amicus supporting the EPA in the SF vs EPA lawsuit. The current SFPUC General Manager and the City Attorney—both of whom were appointed by the Mayor—are continuing to carry forward a lawsuit that would harm our local waters and could have serious ramifications for how the EPA is able to regulate water quality across the country. We need SFPUC Commissioners that will more seriously prioritize our water and our environment.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay form the largest estuary on the West Coast south of Alaska. Such estuaries, where fresh and saltwater mix, are among the richest zones of biological productivity and diversity. Human impacts, however, have brought this ecosystem to the brink of collapse. We urgently need a dramatic change in direction from the SFPUC.

We are facing a climate emergency which requires immediate action. The high cost of electricity relative to the alternatives and the high cost of transitioning a home to electric appliances deters many residents from making the switch. We need the SFPUC to make electrification more attractive financially so that we get the mass shift away from gas that is so urgently needed.

We are encouraged by Jamdar and Arce's nominations and we support their appointment.

Thank you,

Bill Martin
Sierra Club, San Francisco Group
Co-Chair, Sierra Club California Water Committee.
Member, SF Bay Chapter Water Committee
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