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Subject: Kate Stacy recommendation

Dear Mr. Young and Honorable Members of the Board,

My name is Tony Irons and I am the former City Architect of San Francisco. I have retired and am now living in New Hampshire. I am writing in strong support of Kate Stacy's appointment to the Public Utilities Commission.

I was the project manager for the historic and seismic renovation of San Francisco's City Hall. I spent a year away at Harvard as a Loeb Fellow and returned to be the Chief Operating Officer of the SFUSD. I retired and then returned again to be the Deputy General Manager of SFPUC, where I was in charge of all capital projects including the \$4 billion Water System Improvement Project (WSIP).

I worked closely with Kate on all city projects for which I had prime responsibility starting with City Hall in the mid-90's, school district projects and ending upon my final retirement in 2008. Kate is a remarkable person, not only because of her mastery of land use and environmental law, but also because she can quickly and thoroughly grasp very complex projects. While working with me and my team on the Water System Improvement Project, she came to understand the entire water system better than I did and even as well as the veteran engineers and operators. She has an extraordinary ability to bring together people who have wildly differing views. Maybe it's her humor, maybe it's her sharp intellect or maybe it's that she really understands what people need in order to feel appreciated and constructive.

For the above mentioned reasons, I strongly urge you to approve Kate's appointment to the Public Utilities Commission. Thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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