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Good afternoon, Chair Chan and Supervisors Mandelman, Ronen, Safai, and Walton:

I am writing today in support of Board of Supervisors President Aaron Peskin's request for a midyear appropriation from the General Fund General Reserve of \$25 million for the Department of Public Works. Overseas travel precludes me from addressing you in person.

I chair the City's Public Works Commission. DPW Interim Director Carla Short briefed the Commission in February on this midyear appropriation request. While the Commission did not take an official position, we were pleased to learn of this proposal.

Since beginning my tenure last fall as the Commission's first chair, I have been impressed by DPW's execution of its mandate to improve the quality of life for all San Franciscans, despite continued challenging conditions in a variety of areas. These conditions include the effects on public safety of extreme weather, aging City infrastructure, tragic human conditions on our streets, and significant staffing shortfalls.

The midyear financial boost being considered by you today will strengthen the Department's effort to further improve its response time and attention to graffiti removal on public and private property, and further expand the coverage and effectiveness of its citywide street cleaning operation. Both of these vital programs contribute to the City's economic health generally, and specifically are a critical component of the Mayor's challenge to all City departments to be part of San Francisco's campaign to rejuvenate its downtown core and financial base.

I and my colleagues provide citizen oversight of DPW. In this first year of our Commission, the information and data we have reviewed to date indicate an efficient department working hard to bounce back from a difficult time. Interim Director Short and her finance team scrutinize every taxpayer dollar being spent to serve the public. I am confident this midyear appropriation similarly will not be taken for granted but put to quick and efficient use where it is needed most.

I urge you to approve the ordinance providing for this \$25 million midyear appropriation. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
Lauren Post
Chair, San Francisco Public Works Commission

Via email

C: Honorable Aaron Peskin, President, Board of Supervisors
Ms. Carla Short, Interim Director, Department of Public Works