



June 13, 2024

Victor Young  
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**Community Support Letter to Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee  
Stephen Engblom as Port Commissioner**

Dear Victor Young,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Stephen Engblom, AIA, LEED AP, to serve on the San Francisco Port Commission. Having worked with Stephen for a number of years at AECOM, and since then as a strategic partner, I can confidently attest to his exemplary work and his spirit of community-based infrastructure and bay front development.

Stephen has more than two decades of urban design and architectural experience, having collaborated with cities and communities not only in the San Francisco Bay Area but also across the nation and around the globe. His ability to seamlessly bridge the corporate and academic worlds has allowed him to develop and execute successful growth strategies, build strong client and professional relationships, and deliver outstanding financial results. He has a proven track record of fostering strong community ties and mentoring generations of urbanists.

Most notably, during the pandemic, Stephen collaborated on an important piece of research with Seamless Bay Area that positively influenced how transit agencies were responding to the crisis. This research modeled how the Bay Area transit service and access outcomes were optimized through inter-agency coordination, providing greater access with limited resources for the public. Our research collaboration was highly influential in getting transit decision-makers to shift toward greater regional coordination. Stephen's dedication to innovative and sustainable urban development was instrumental in this success.

Stephen's work is characterized by a deep technical knowledge, a global network of industry relationships, and a history of delivering equitable, environmental, and economic strategies for public and private sector clients. His projects have consistently demonstrated an ability to conceive, design, and develop culturally relevant places that address economic viability, ecological sustainability, and social equity.

Among Stephen's notable achievements are his contributions to resilient urban regeneration, infrastructure-led urban development, campus and district planning, and regional strategy. His leadership at CBRE positioned that company for success in the global infrastructure sector, while his time at AECOM saw him forming strategic partnerships and promoting inter-company collaboration, leading to significant financial growth and industry recognition.

Stephen's intellectual rigor, passion for urban development, and hands-on experience make him an empathetic and inspiring leader. His commitment to advancing equity, environmental, and economic outcomes through innovative urban design solutions aligns perfectly with the goals of the San Francisco Port Commission.

In conclusion, Stephen Engblom's exceptional qualifications and comprehensive experience in urban planning and development make him an outstanding candidate for the San Francisco Port Commission. I have no doubt that his contributions will significantly benefit the commission and the broader San Francisco community.

Thank you for considering Stephen Engblom for this important role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ian Griffiths". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Re: Community Support Letter to Rules Committee Consideration of Mayoral Nominee Stephen Engblom as Port Commissioner

Dear Victor Young,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for Stephen Engblom, to serve on the San Francisco Port Commission. I have collaborated closely with Stephen for over 4 years on his Resilience Course at University of California Berkeley, I can attest to his exemplary leadership, dedication, and expertise in infrastructure, real estate, and waterfront placemaking.

Stephen's extensive background as an architect specializing in Resilience, Urban Regeneration, and Equitable Real Estate, combined with his accomplished executive experience and academic contributions, make him an exceptional candidate for this role. His ability to seamlessly bridge the corporate and academic worlds has allowed him to develop and execute successful growth strategies, build strong client and professional relationships, and deliver outstanding financial results. He has a proven track record of fostering strong community ties and mentoring generations of urbanists. His knowledge of how urban planning meets infrastructure engineering is critical for the next iteration of USACE and Port of San Francisco collaborations.

Stephen's work is characterized by a deep technical knowledge, a global network of industry relationships, and a history of delivering equitable, environmental, and economic strategies for public and private sector clients. His contributions to critical studies, such as the Resilient Bay Challenge study for the San Leandro Bay, and "Five Ideas for Transforming the San Francisco Waterfront," demonstrate his commitment to protecting communities from climate change, restoring shoreline ecology, and improving waterfront access for everyone.

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Sincerely,

Julie Beagle  
Engineering with Nature Program  
US Army Corps of Engineers