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Ms. Alisa Somera, Assistant Clerk
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: Family Violence Council legislation (File #150083)

Dear Ms. Somera:

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the Family Violence Council legislation reflected in Board of Supervisors' file #150083. I believe the addition of the Juvenile Probation Department, Animal Care and Control, the Unified School District, Human Resources, and the Fire Department as members of the council, will enhance and expand the capacity of the council to address the broad and complex challenges associated with family violence in our community. As you may know, the Juvenile Probation Department has attended and participated in the Family Violence Council meetings for several years, even though we were not one of the identified member agencies. We know that the youth involved in the juvenile justice system often experience or witness family violence and suffer the devastating emotional and developmental impacts as a result of these traumatic events.

San Francisco has been a leader in its efforts to develop and implement policies to reduce the incidence of family violence in our community. I believe that this work has also influenced reductions in overall violence as well. We in the Juvenile Probation Department look forward to continued participation with the Family Violence Council and formal inclusion as a member agency. I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors' (BOS) support for the amended legislation and stand ready to work with the BOS and the rest of the city family as we advance our efforts to tackle this important issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allen A. Nance".

Chief Allen A. Nance