



May 24, 2017

Supervisor Ahsha Safai
Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer
Supervisor Norman Yee
Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
City Hall, Room 250
San Francisco CA 94102

Dear Supervisors,

I apologize for not being here today. I am in Sacramento all day meeting with our State legislators regarding our Port seawall resiliency project.

I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically endorse Port Commission Vice President Kimberly Brandon's reappointment to the Port Commission.

As you are probably aware, Commissioner Brandon has been on the Port Commission since 1997 and is the longest serving Port Commissioner. Her experience matters.

Commissioner Brandon is a very strong advocate for the Bayview and understands the importance of linking Port activities in the Southern Waterfront to the community. She is responsible for spearheading the Southern Waterfront Advisory Committee so that the communities in the Southeast portion of San Francisco are included in the Port's plans for development of the Southern Waterfront.

Commissioner Brandon also has promoted diversity in staff hiring and contracting to ensure that the Port is representative of the City and County of San Francisco.

She has been the voice of wisdom. She knows the Port's past. She knows the community. She has brought her perspective fully and richly into our discussions at the Port Commission meetings.

During her tenure as Port Commissioner, she has seen a marquee period in the Port's evolution including but not limited to:

- The celebration of our 150th anniversary in 2013
- The long awaited construction and completion of our cruise ship terminal
- The equally long awaited completion of the Brannan Street Wharf, the Pier 43½ Promenade as well as the public realm on Jefferson Street
- Opening of two parks, the Cruise Terminal Plaza and the Bayview Gateway and we've made great strides in moving forward with the Blue Greenway Project and Crane Cove Park

- The opening of the Exploratorium at Piers 15 & 17
- Record number of visitors at the waterfront (over 24 million) than probably the last decade combined
- Record number of annual cruise calls (76) and passengers (276,000)
- Management of over 600 commercial tenancies
- Adoption of the Port Strategic Plan which articulates our vision for delivering the Port modern day mission
- Adoption of the Waterfront Plan in 1997 and the current process of updating the Waterfront Plan

We are the envy of ports around the world and that could not have been possible without the incredible dedication by all of our Commissioners, but most especially the leadership of Commissioner Brandon. Her institutional knowledge of the Port makes her a force to be reckoned with.

I hope that you will approve her nomination for another term on the Port Commission.

Sincerely,



Elaine Forbes
Executive Director