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June 13, 2025

San Francisco Board of Supervisors City Hall, Room 244 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Individual Support for Pratibha Tekkey's Appointment to the SF Police Commission Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

I write to join the multitude of community leaders writing in strong and unequivocal support of Pratibha Tekky's nomination to the San Francisco Police Commission.

Over the course of my career, I have had the opportunity to observe public systems from multiple vantage points — from the inside of the federal government, to the frontlines of grassroots advocacy, to the boardrooms of the technology industry. What I have learned is this: public safety and community trust are not mutually exclusive — they must be built together. Few people embody this integrated vision of public service better than Pratibha Tekky.

Pratibha has spent the last decade on the frontlines of some of San Francisco's most urgent challenges. As a senior leader at the Tenderloin Housing Clinic and co-director of the Central City SRO Collaborative, she has championed the rights of low-income tenants, immigrants, and seniors- communities that are too often left out of policymaking but bear the brunt of both violence and over-policing. She is a trusted organizer, a coalition builder, and a relentless advocate for dignity, safety, and justice.

And her impact is measurable. Through her leadership at the Central City SRO Collaborative and Tenderloin Housing Clinic, Pratibha has worked tirelessly to uplift immigrant families, working-class tenants, and SRO residents- communities often marginalized in our civic discourse yet disproportionately impacted by both crime and enforcement. Her work has not been abstract. She has rolled up her sleeves to co-lead initiatives like Take Back the Block and Take Back the Park, both of which have improved public safety in the Tenderloin by reclaiming public space for families, youth, and elders. She has been instrumental in shaping the Tenderloin Store Hours ordinance to reduce illicit activity while preserving community vibrancy, and she has advocated for pedestrian safety infrastructure that benefits everyone, including our most vulnerable neighbors.

In short, Pratibha doesn't theorize about public safety- she builds it.

She pursues practical, inclusive solutions rooted in lived experience and collaborative problem-solving. Pratibha's appointment would bring a vital perspective to a body tasked with ensuring public accountability. As an immigrant woman of color, a tenant rights advocate, and a bridge between marginalized communities and public institutions, she represents the best of what San Francisco aspires to be: bold, compassionate, and fair.

I urge you in the strongest terms to confirm her nomination.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration.

Sincerely,
Vikrum Aiyer
Commissioner, Workforce Investment Board (WISF)

From: <u>barbara swan</u>

To: Walton, Shamann (BOS); Young, Victor (BOS); Sherrill, Stephen (BOS); Rosas, Lorenzo (BOS); Mandelman,

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Cc: Sauter, Danny (BOS); Nagano, Tomio (BOS)

Subject: FW: In Support of Pratibha Tekkey nomination to police commission

Date: Friday, June 13, 2025 4:05:11 PM

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Dear San Francisco Supervisors,

It is a pleasure to provide a letter in support of Pratibha Tekkey's consideration to the San Francisco Police Commission. I regret that due to a scheduling conflict, I am unable to stand before the Board and deliver this in person.

I imagine that there are two main criteria in choosing a police commissioner; the skills one brings to the team, along with the experience and knowledge related to policy-making and disciplinary procedures, that constitute the essential responsibilities of the commission. Pratibha Tekkey is blessed with an abundance of both hard-won experience and the often-overlooked soft skills that make or break the effectiveness of teams.

As a community organizer with sixteen years of experience, she has built strong relationships with her internal team members and established productive ties with police and other city departments. Her collaborations have resulted in safer streets, more housing options, and a reduction in food insecurities in her community.

Additionally, her prior background as a union organizer makes her uniquely situated to understand the disciplinary process and tasks that face the police commission.

Pratibha possesses the most elusive & rare quality of all: she is a calm, deep listener. Many times, I have witnessed her approach complex matters with thoughtful attention and a willingness to hear opposing points of view. In discussions of all sizes, her responses are always respectful, measured, and fair. These are essential characteristics for working productively in any high-stakes team, especially one that involves developing police policy and reviewing disciplinary matters.

I consider her a wise and trusted community partner. When she sees a problem, she gets to work. My hope in this writing is that you will see what an asset she will be as a member of the San Francisc Police Commission.

Sincerely,

Barbara Swan

621 Taylor Street #52

San Francisco, CA 94102

For identification purposes only

Board member

Lower Nob hill Neighborhood Alliance



Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee:

I am writing this letter today on behalf of Afghan American Community Organization (AACO) in full support of Hasib Emran's nomination for the San Francisco Police Commission. During the several years of involvement within the organization, Hasib has demonstrated high level qualities of professionalism, integrity, and dedication to public service and helping others in need making him an excellent candidate for this position.

Afghan-American Community Organization (AACO), is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, dedicated to advancing the Afghan-American community and its allies through education and outreach, and promoting civic and social engagement through the annual conference and beyond.

Hasib, through his work as the California Deputy State Controller overseeing taxation in California knows the importance of a functioning government that meets the needs of the people. As a representative on the State Board of Equalization, property taxes administered have had a direct impact on funding our schools, first responders, and local governments. Moreover, Chairing the Franchise Tax Board, Hasib believes taxation is core to any democratic society and sees direct result of tax dollars at work which funds our police departments, equipment, infrastructure, and pays pensions for all government employees.

As Human Rights Commissioner, Hasib has had the honor of joining the AACO on several occasions, speaking to the community and students advocating for human rights here at home and abroad. Hasib brought us specific examples of problem solving, such as gathering community stakeholders to suppress crime at the Islamic Society of San Francisco who witnessed rampant drug dealing, prostitution, and shootouts at the mosque door. Hasib has always demonstrated strong communication skills, and shows his ability to effectively communicate with all individuals, regardless of religion or creed, which is an essential trait for anyone looking to hold some form of public office.

In addition, Hasib has consistently displayed exceptional leadership skills, as a former public schoolteacher, he has become a natural leader in the community who is able to motivate and inspire those around them, and the ability to challenge and bring the best out of their colleagues.

In conclusion, the AACO has the utmost confidence in Hasib's ability to excel as a San Francisco Police Commissioner. His life background, strong work ethic, and commitment to public service, and deep understanding of the community are all key to representing diverse San Francisco communities. AACO is confident that Hasib will be a valuable asset as a Police Commissioner.

Regards,

Afghan-American Community Organization (AACO)

Board of Directors

From: <u>Hasib Emran</u>
To: <u>Young, Victor (BOS)</u>

Subject: Fwd: Support for Hasib"s Appointment to the San Francisco Police Commission

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Subject: Support for Hasib's Appointment to the San Francisco Police

Commission

Dear Chair Walton and Members of the Rules Committee,

As a proud District 6 resident, I, Aseel Fara, am honored to express my strong support for Hasib Emran in his pursuit of public service as a San Francisco Police Commissioner.

Through his role as California Deputy State Controller, overseeing statewide taxation, Hasib understands firsthand how a well-functioning government can directly improve people's lives. On the State Board of Equalization, he has helped oversee property tax systems that fund our schools, first responders, and local governments. As Chair of the Franchise Tax Board, Hasib recognizes that taxation is not only a civic responsibility—it is the engine of a healthy democracy. He sees the real-life impacts of public dollars at work, supporting infrastructure, public safety, and the pensions of our city's workforce.

Hasib's commitment to community doesn't stop at the state level. As a San Francisco Human Rights Commissioner, he has shown up time and again—speaking with youth, community members, and leaders on human rights challenges both locally and globally. One powerful example was his leadership in coordinating stakeholders to address public safety concerns at the Islamic Society of San Francisco, where the community faced open drug use, prostitution, and violence at their doorstep. His collaborative approach helped drive tangible solutions.

Hasib brings deep empathy and clarity to every conversation. His ability to connect across lines of faith, culture, and background reflects the inclusive spirit San Francisco needs in its leadership. A former public schoolteacher, Hasib leads with integrity and purpose, always seeking to bring out the best in others.

I have full confidence in Hasib's ability to serve honorably and effectively on the

San Francisco Police Commission. His life experiences, strong work ethic, and unwavering dedication to public service make him uniquely qualified to represent the voices of our city's most diverse communities.

Sincerely, **Aseel Fara**