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Members of the Rules Committee
San Francisco Board of Supervisors
City Hall
San Francisco, CA. 94102

Dear Supervisors:

I'm writing a letter of support for the nomination of Mahsa Hakimi by Mayor Lurie for the Community Investment and Infrastructure Commission (formerly the SF Redevelopment Agency).

I serve alongside Ms. Hakimi on the City Planning Equity Council and am confident that she would be an outstanding member of the CIIC Commission.

Ms. Hakimi is the founder of Hakimi Law PC, a boutique business and intellectual property law firm in San Francisco, focused on protecting the creative talents and innovative interests of her artists and entrepreneur clients alike.

In addition to her practice, Commissioner Hakimi has served as an adjunct professor at Golden Gate University School of Law for over a decade, teaching various intellectual property courses, including those specific to Trademark and Art Law. She also presents workshops and lectures on copyrights, trademarks, and licensing for various art and non-profit organizations.

Ms. Hakimi is an avid advocate for LGBTQ+ and women's rights, having proudly served the interests of the communities she represents for the past three decades.

She has served on the boards of various non-profit organizations throughout the years, including as the inaugural Executive Co-Chair of the Castro LGBTQ Cultural District and a Community Advisory Member of the UCSF Alliance Health Project.

Please approve Ms. Hakimi's nomination to the CIIC Commission.

Sincerely,

Anni Chung

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November 26th, 2025

Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in our individual capacities to offer our enthusiastic recommendation for Mahsa Hakimi, who has been nominated by the Mayor to serve on the Community Investment and Infrastructure Commission. While we came to know Mahsa through our work together on the Equity Advisory Council, our support for her nomination is rooted in her character, commitment, and long-standing dedication to San Francisco's communities.

Mahsa brings more than three decades of experience in community organizing, advocacy, and leadership across BIPOC, immigrant, women, and queer communities. She has spent her career ensuring that these communities not only have visibility, but are meaningfully included in civic processes and decision-making spaces. In addition to her organizing and advocacy work, Mahsa's perspective as a small business owner and her two decades of service as an attorney—representing immigrant, women, and BIPOC entrepreneurs, business owners, and nonprofits—give her a deep understanding of the structural challenges our communities face and the practical solutions required to advance equity.

Working alongside her, we have witnessed Mahsa's thoughtful leadership, her collaborative spirit, and her unwavering commitment to fairness and justice. She consistently creates space for others, listens with intention, and elevates voices often overlooked in City processes. Her love for San Francisco is evident in the care, energy, and vision she brings to every discussion—always centering community needs, long-term sustainability, and equitable investment.

Mahsa is a steady, principled, and values-driven leader who will be an asset to the Community Investment and Infrastructure Commission. She brings both professional expertise and a deep moral clarity that is grounded in her lifelong dedication to this city and its diverse communities.

Thank you for your consideration of her nomination.

Sincerely,

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Ben Wong



To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to offer my wholehearted recommendation for Mahsa Hakimi, whose long-standing dedication to social justice, community advocacy, and the arts has made a meaningful and lasting impact on countless individuals and communities. I have had the privilege of witnessing Mahsa's work firsthand and can attest to her deep commitment, professional integrity, and unwavering compassion.

For many years, Mahsa has been a powerful advocate for LGBTQIA+ communities, women, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Her work is guided by a profound understanding of intersectionality and a sincere belief that equity is not just an aspiration but an active and continuous responsibility. Mahsa consistently creates spaces where marginalized voices are centered, uplifted, and protected, and she approaches this work with both humility and determination.

In addition to her advocacy, Mahsa has a remarkable history of supporting artists and preserving cultural expression. Notably, she played an instrumental role in legally safeguarding a significant San Francisco mural over twenty years ago, ensuring the artist's rights were protected and that the artwork remained an important part of the city's cultural landscape. This effort demonstrated not only her dedication to the arts, but also her willingness to navigate complex legal and community processes in service of justice and preservation.

Across every project and community, she serves. Mahsa shows exceptional leadership, empathy, and perseverance. Her ability to listen deeply, build trust, and advocate effectively makes her an invaluable collaborator and an inspiring community member. She embodies the qualities of a thoughtful organizer, a principled advocate, and a compassionate human being. I strongly and without reservation recommend Mahsa for any opportunity that aligns with her talents and values. She brings vision, experience, and genuine care to every endeavor, and I am confident she will continue to be a transformative force wherever she contributes.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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