

From: [Bruce Brugmann](#)
To: [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
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Honorable Matt Dorsey, Chair

Honorable Shannon Walton
Honorable Ahsha Safai

Re: Nomination of Maxine Anderson to Serve on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force:
Support

Dear Supervisors,

As a founding member of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, I am pleased to support wholeheartedly the League of Women Voters of San Francisco's nomination of Maxine Anderson to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Maxine is uniquely qualified for the position. In fact she is precisely the kind of special candidate that the author of the Sunshine Ordinance Terry Francke talked about with me when he was trying to figure out where best to try out his experiment in involving citizens directly in a new form of open government and accountability in their own City Hall. He was then the executive director of the First Amendment Coalition, a California open government group.

Maxine has spent years of advocating for transparency as a member of the League's local and state boards.

I have observed her talent and intellect and sense of humor as a colleague on the steering committee of San Francisco for Sunshine, a citizen's group working to update and modernize the sunshine ordinance.

She's fun and enlivens dull meetings with flashes of wit. And she never forgets in today's dark climate that the urgent mission of more sunshine inside and outside City Hall in San Francisco and City Halls around the country is worth fighting for.

On the bottom of her email notes, , Maxine writes, **BE BOLD! EDUCATE! ADVOCATE!
AND THEN ACT!**

I strongly urge the supervisors to appoint Maxine Anderson to the San Francisco Ordinance Task Force. Thanks for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bruce B. Brugmann

Retired founder, editor and publisher of the San Francisco Bay Guardian (which sponsored the Sunshine Ordinance in San Francisco and beyond)

Ex-president of the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists

Founder of the SPJ FOI Committee

Member of the first San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance Task Force

From: [Richard Knee](#)
To: [ALLYSON WASHBURN](#); [Dorsey, Matt \(BOS\)](#); [Walton, Shamann \(BOS\)](#); [Safai, Ahsha \(BOS\)](#); [maxine anderson](#); [Board of Supervisors \(BOS\)](#); [Calvillo, Angela \(BOS\)](#)
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Good, strong letter!

On 9/30/2023 11:41 AM, ALLYSON WASHBURN wrote:

San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
Honorable Matt Dorsey, Chair
Honorable Shamann Walton
Honorable Ahsha Safai

Re: Nomination of Maxine Anderson to Serve on the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I write today to express my strong and enthusiastic support of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco's nomination of Maxine Anderson to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. She is highly qualified to serve on the Task Force by virtue of her many years of experience advocating for open and transparent government as a member of both the San Francisco and California LWV boards. I have worked alongside my League colleague, and good friend, for many years on this issue and others of importance to our civic life.

In recent years, Maxine and I and other members of Steering Committee of San Franciscans for Sunshine have been working to develop ways to update and strengthen the Ordinance. In addition to her deep understanding from this work of the issues involved in ensuring an open and transparent local government, she brings personal qualities to all that she endeavors, which will make her an invaluable member of the Task Force. Maxine is warm and personable, as well as tireless and tenacious. She shows up, having fully prepared for whatever is on the agenda. What I have come to especially appreciate though from my long association with Maxine is her ability to see through to the heart of a matter and then offer her wise take on it with suggestions about how to move forward. During my tenure on the Task Force, there were many times when such skill would have been welcomed.

I strongly urge you to support Maxine Anderson's appointment to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Allyson Washburn, Ph.D.
Former member and chair of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force
Past President of the League of Women Voters of San Francisco

CC: Maxine Anderson; Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
BCC: Other interested parties



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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee
Honorable Matt Dorsey, Chair
Honorable Shamann Walton
Honorable Ahsha Safai

Re: Nomination of Maxine Anderson to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force: Support

Dear Mr. Chair and Supervisors --

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the appointment of Maxine Anderson, a dedicated advocate for government transparency and a woman of color, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. Maxine Anderson comes highly recommended as a candidate who possesses the qualifications, passion, and commitment required to excel in this important role.

As a longtime member of the League of Women Voters (LWV) and an active participant in initiatives aimed at promoting open and accountable government, I have had the privilege of working closely with Maxine on numerous occasions as an active member of San Franciscans for Sunshine (SF4S), a citizens' organization working to strengthen the Ordinance and to make the Task Force better able to serve the people of San Francisco. Her dedication to the principles of transparency, accountability, and fairness within our government processes is truly commendable.

Here are a few key reasons why I believe Maxine is an excellent choice for this appointment:

Expertise in Government Transparency: Maxine has demonstrated a deep understanding of government transparency issues through her work and leadership with the League of Women Voters. Her knowledge of relevant legislation, policies, and best practices is extensive, and she has actively contributed to advancing transparency initiatives within our community.

Commitment to Equity and Inclusion: As a woman of color, Maxine brings a unique perspective to SOTF. Her experiences and insights will contribute to a more inclusive and equitable approach to transparency, ensuring that the voices of underrepresented communities are heard and their concerns addressed.

Collaborative Leadership: Maxine is known for her ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders. She is a consensus-builder who can work across varying ideologies and engage with government officials, community organizations, and the public to drive positive change.

Passion for Civic Engagement: Maxine's passion for civic engagement is contagious. She

has a proven track record of inspiring others to become involved in advocating for government transparency and has actively encouraged voter participation within our community.

Integrity and Ethical Standards: Maxine is a person of utmost integrity and ethical standards. Her unwavering commitment to the principles of transparency and accountability is evident in all her actions and interactions.

In conclusion, Maxine Anderson is an exemplary candidate who embodies the values and objectives of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. Her appointment would not only be a testament to SOTF and the City's commitment to diversity and inclusion but would also ensure that our government remains accountable and transparent to all citizens.

I urge you to give serious consideration to Maxine's nomination and fully SUPPORT her appointment to SOTF. Her passion, expertise, and dedication to the cause make her an ideal choice for this important role.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I am confident that Maxine will make a significant and positive impact on SOTF and, by extension, on the transparency and accountability of our government.

Sincerely,

***Bruce Wolfe, Seat 11 - Disability Representative
SF Sunshine Ordinance Task Force***

(Please note that I do not check this email account daily, on weekends and holidays and other times. For immediate disclosure requests and other urgent matters related to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, please email sotf@sfgov.org.)

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San Francisco Board of Supervisors Rules Committee  
Honorable Matt Dorsey, Chair  
Honorable Shamann Walton  
Honorable Ahsha Safai

Re: Nomination of Maxine Anderson to Sunshine Ordinance Task Force: Support

Dear Supervisors,

I am pleased to support the League of Women Voters' nomination of Maxine Anderson to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, the City's open government watchdog commission. I have the honor and privilege of working alongside Ms. Anderson on the Steering Committee of San Franciscans for Sunshine, a citizens' organization working to strengthen the Ordinance and to make the Task Force better able to serve the people of San Francisco.

Ms. Anderson has a stellar record of civic engagement at the state and local levels, through participation with the League going back more than 15 years. In addition, her keen intellect, strong work ethic and pleasant demeanor make her well suited to serve on a body where patience and a thick skin are at times necessary.

Sincerely,  
Richard Knee  
Former member and chair, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force  
San Francisco 94109

Cc: Maxine Anderson; Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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